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**TRUE**  
CRIMINAL CASE  
HISTORIES!

HEY, YOU!  
NO FIGHTING IN  
HERE! THIS IS A  
RESPECTABLE  
PLACE!

YOU MUST  
HAVE A SCREW  
LOOSE! HOW COULD  
I HAVE STABBED  
YOUR UNCLE? I  
DIDN'T EVEN  
KNOW HIM!

HOW DO  
YOU KNOW HE  
WAS STABBED? IT  
WASN'T PUBLISHED  
IN THE PAPER!  
'C'MON, TELL  
ME!

HERE,  
JOEY! TAKE  
THIS ROD, BUT  
REMEMBER, WAIT  
TILL YOU GET  
OUTSIDE!

FRESHO

CHARLES  
BIRO

in  
this  
issue:

"SAM DENTA-  
KING OF  
THE FIX!"

"THE CASE OF  
THE OVERBOARD  
GEMS!"

"MOBSTERS-  
C. O. D."

"DEATH  
WITHOUT  
WARNING!"

AND MANY  
OTHER  
FEATURES!



## A collage of various comic book covers from the mid-20th century, including titles like 'Supermouse', 'Startling Comics', 'Jetta', 'Mystery Comics', 'Fantastic Tales', 'Cosmo Cat', 'Strange Worlds', 'Exciting Comics', 'Daring Adventures', 'Casper Cat', 'Eerie', 'Exciting Comics', 'Barnyard Comics', 'Famous Funnies', 'Hill Country', 'Teen-Age Sweetheart', 'Jetta', 'Science', 'Quick Lunch', 'Snake Eyes', 'Miss Masque', 'Eerie', 'Exciting Comics', 'Casper Cat', and 'Daring Adventures'. A large, stylized speech bubble in the center contains the text 'WEB COMIC UNIVERSE.COM'.



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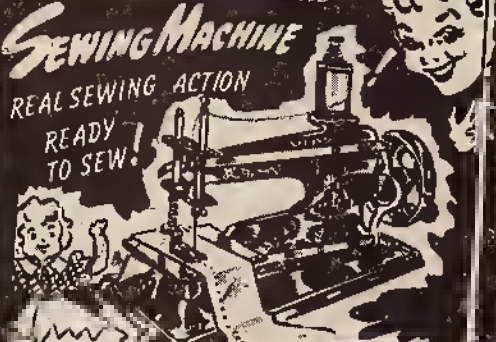
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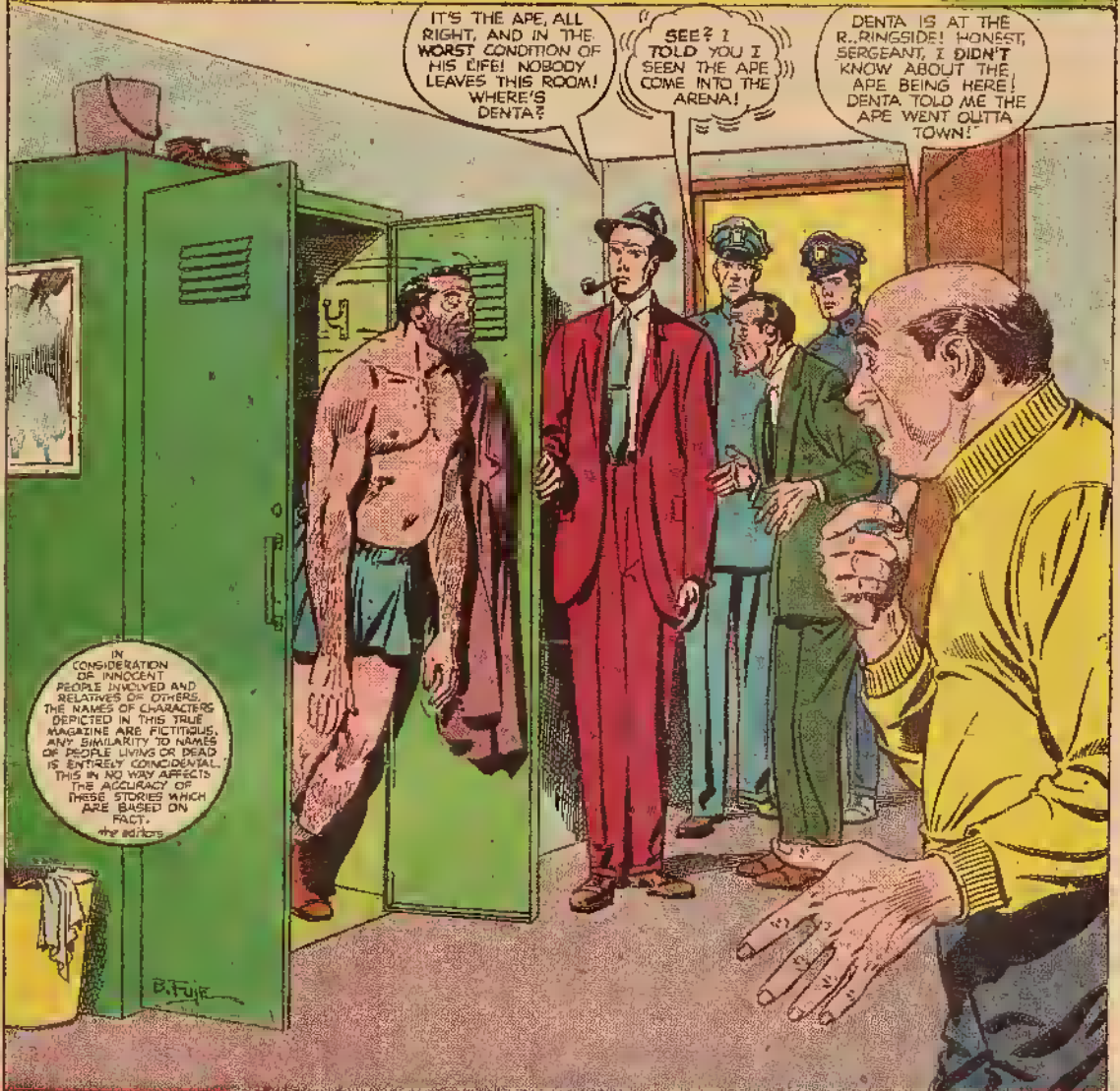
DEDICATED TO THE ERADICATION OF CRIME

# SAM DENTA KING OF THE FIX!



**SAM DENTA FIXED ANYTHING!**

- HE FIXED FIGHTS
- HE "FIXED" HIS ENEMIES
- HE FIXED RACES
- THEN HE FIXED HIMSELF - BUT GOOD



IT'S THE APE, ALL RIGHT, AND IN THE WORST CONDITION OF HIS LIFE! NOBODY LEAVES THIS ROOM! WHERE'S DENTA?

SEE? I TOLD YOU I SEEN THE APE COME INTO THE ARENA!

DENTA IS AT THE RINGSIDE! HONEST, SERGEANT, I DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT THE APE BEING HERE! DENTA TOLD ME THE APE WENT OUTTA TOWN!

IN CONSIDERATION OF INNOCENT PEOPLE INVOLVED AND RELATIVES OF OTHERS, THE NAMES OF CHARACTERS DEPICTED IN THIS TRUE CRIME MAGAZINE ARE FICTITIOUS. ANY SIMILARITY TO NAMES OF PEOPLE LIVING OR DEAD IS ENTIRELY COINCIDENTAL. THIS IN NO WAY AFFECTS THE ACCURACY OF THESE STORIES WHICH ARE BASED ON FACT.  
— the editors



PRIZE-FIGHTING AND THE FIGHT RACKET ARE TWO VERY DIFFERENT THINGS, AND GANGSTERS LIKE SAM DENTA CONSTITUTE THE DIFFERENCE! DENTA TRANSFORMED A SPORT INTO A VICIOUS GAMBLING MACHINE! HE REGARDED THE BEHEMOTHS WHO SWEATED AND CRACKED THEIR BONES ON THE CANVAS AS SO MANY MACHINES GRINDING OUT BLOODY GOLD TO SATISFY HIS BOTTOMLESS GREED! HIS RUTHLESS PURSUIT OF FILTHY LUCRE, HIS BUTCHERY OF THOSE WHO BLOCKED HIS DIABOLICAL PURPOSE, WAS ONLY MATCHED BY THE RELENTLESS EFFORTS OF THE POLICE IN TRACKING DOWN AS REMORSELESS A CREATURE AS EVER CRAWLED OUT OF THE JUNGLE OF MODERN GANGSTERISM!



# OBEDY THE LAW



WHATEVER SAM DENTA TOUCHED LEFT A DIRTY MARK! THE SPORT OF KINGS WAS A LOT LESS NOBLE WHENEVER THE "KING OF THE FIX" WAS AROUND! THE \$250,000 SANDERSON STAKE RACE WAS ONE OF HIS EARLY ARRANGEMENTS!

REMEMBER, EDDIE, YOU'RE JUST GOING ALONG FOR THE RIDE! YOU'RE GONNA HOLD HIM BACK, RIGHT FROM THE STARTING GATE!

I TOLD YOU I WOULD! WHY DON'T YOU LEAVE ME ALONE? I COULD LOSE MY LICENSE JUST BEING SEEN NEAR YOU!



LEAVE EDDIE GREER TO US, SAM! WE'LL TAKE HIM FOR A LONG RIDE INTO THE COUNTRY!



THE BOYS FROM THE 12<sup>TH</sup> PRECINCT ON THE ILLEGAL GAMBLING DETAIL SHOWED UP JUST AS DENTA AND HIS CRONIES STARTED TO LEAVE!

RAISE 'EM, DENTA! EDDIE GREER TOLD THE COMMISSIONER ALL ABOUT THE BRIBE! YOU'D BETTER COME ALONG QUIETLY!

THE CHEAP LITTLE MOUSE WILL CROAK FOR THIS—BELIEVE ME!



IT'S FUNNY—WE'VE SEARCHED THEM, SIR! NO ARMS VIOLATIONS!

THAT'S LUCKY FOR YOU, DENTA, IF YOU CAN CALL GETTING THREE YEARS INSTEAD OF FIVE, LUCKY!

THAT ISN'T THE FUNNIEST PART OF THIS GAG, MR. D.A.! THE FUN STARTS WHEN YOU TRY TO PROVE I BRIBED THAT BOW-LEGGED PINHEAD!



CHUMPY, NOW THAT I'M OUT ON BAIL, I'M GOING INTO ACTION! THE JURY, THE PRESS... THEY'LL ALL TAKE EDDIE'S WORD AGAINST MINE! I'M A CINCH FOR THREE YEARS, UNLESS YOU GET SOMETHING ON THAT BIG-MOULTHED JOCKEY! I DON'T WANNA GO ON TRIAL! O' YOU UNDERSTAND?

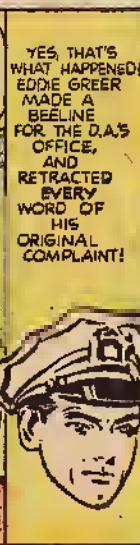
IT'S IN THE BAG, SAM... WE'VE HANDLED THINGS LIKE THIS A DOZEN TIMES! HE'S GOT A GIRLFRIEND, HASN'T HE?



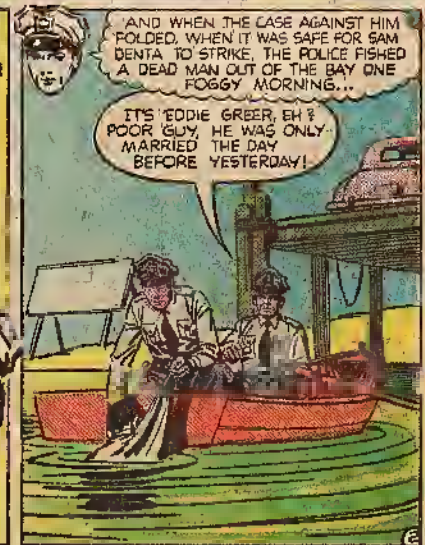
\* EDDIE GREER, THE JOCKEY & THIS IS A FRIEND OF THE FAMILY! WE HAVE A LITTLE LADY HERE WHO SAYS SHE'S YOUR FIANCÉE! SHE'S A NICE KID... YOUNG, PRETTY... A LOT TOO PRETTY TO BE FEEDIN' WORMS BECAUSE HER BOY-FRIEND UNHINGED HIS MOUTH TO THE D.A.'S ON THE OTHER HAND, IF HE CLAMS UP...



I REMEMBER NOTHIN'... NOTHIN' YOU HEAR? I... I MADE IT ALL UP! IT WAS ALL LIES! NOW JAIL ME FOR PERJURY! I DON'T CARE, JUST DON'T ASK ANY MORE QUESTIONS!



YES, THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED! EDDIE GREER MADE A BEELINE FOR THE D.A.'S OFFICE, AND RETRACTED EVERY WORD OF HIS ORIGINAL COMPLAINT!



AND WHEN THE CASE AGAINST HIM FOLDED, WHEN IT WAS SAFE FOR SAM DENTA TO STRIKE, THE POLICE FISHED A DEAD MAN OUT OF THE BAY ONE FOGGY MORNING...

IT'S EDDIE GREER, EH? POOR GUY, HE WAS ONLY MARRIED THE DAY BEFORE YESTERDAY!



# OBEDIENT THE LAW

THE STORY OF THE LATE EDDIE GREER IS TYPICAL OF WHAT TOOK PLACE IN EVERY SPORT WHICH INTERESTED SAM DENTA! IT DIDN'T MATTER WHAT THE SPORT WAS! HE TOOK A FLYER AT AUTO RACING...

I-I DON'T UNDERSTAND IT! CORNUCOPIA WAS A 5 TO 1 FAVORITE, AND HE DIDN'T EVEN MAKE THE THREE SPOT!

PICK UP THE WINNINGS, MIKE! I WAS LUCKY THIS AFTERNOON!

WHORE YOU KIDDING, SAM? YOU'RE GOING STEADY WITH LADY LUCK! YOU'RE ALWAYS LUCKY!

AND WHEN A USUALLY RELIABLE PRO HALFBACK COMMITS NO LESS THAN FOUR FUMBLES IN A CRUCIAL GAME, PLUS A FEW MUFFED PASSES AND CRRATIC TACKLING THAT JUST SOMEHOW FAILS TO STOP THE OPPOSITION FROM SCORING... WHAT'S THE VERDICT?—LUCK?

I'M SURE EARNING THAT GRAND DENTA GAVE ME!

ANOTHER FUMBLE! WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH FLAMINGEN?

DENTA GOT HIS UGLY MITTS ON AN OCCASIONAL SOFTEAD IN THE HONORED GAME OF HOCKEY...

THIS IS THE THIRD TIME I'VE WARNED YOU ABOUT FOULING, BLORES! YOU GO INTO THE BOX FOR TEN MINUTES!

OH! THAT PUTS THE MATCH ON ICE! I TOLD YOU WE COULD COUNT ON BLORES!

NOR SHOULD WE FORGET BASEBALL OR BOWLING OR BASKETBALL! HOW INNOCENT EVERY FIX SEEMED! A WILD PITCH THAT ALLOWED THE WINNING RUN TO SCORE! A STRIKE-OUT THAT BROKE THE BACK OF A RALLY... SUCH THINGS HAPPEN NATURALLY... OR DON'T THEY? NEVER IN THE BIG LEAGUES, MIND YOU—FOR THE SANDLOT MONEY WAS GOOD ENOUGH FOR DENTA!

NICK'S SURE HAVING A BAD NIGHT! HE'S BOWLING LIKE MY MAIDEN AUNT!

DO YOU THINK YOU CAN CARRY YOUR MYSTERIOUS SLUMP THROUGH NEXT FRIDAY'S GAME FOR \$750?

WHAT DO YOU THINK, MR. DENTA?

MR. DENTA THOUGHT HE COULD BUY ANYBODY WITH MONEY... AND INTIMIDATE ANYBODY WITH FORCE! BUT EVERYTHING HE HAD DONE IN THE PAST WAS MERELY A WARM-UP FOR WHAT HE INTENDED TO DO ABOUT THE MANLY ART OF SELF-DEFENSE...

I JUST SAW THE KILLER, SAM! HE'LL FOUL PINTA IN THE THIRD! YOU SHOULD HAVE SEEN HIM DROOL WHEN I GAVE HIM \$300 ON ACCOUNT!

FINE! NOW SPREAD AROUND FIVE GRAND ON PINTA TO COP! AT 2 1/2 TO 1 THEY'LL FALL ON THEIR FACES GRABBING OUR MONEY!

THERE'S THE BELL, AND KILLER FRENDOV RUSHES OUT LIKE A TIGER! HE LANDS A LEFT AND A RIGHT THAT STAGGER PINTA! IT LOOKS LIKE KILLER IS REALLY AIMING FOR A QUICK KNOCK-OUT!

BONG!

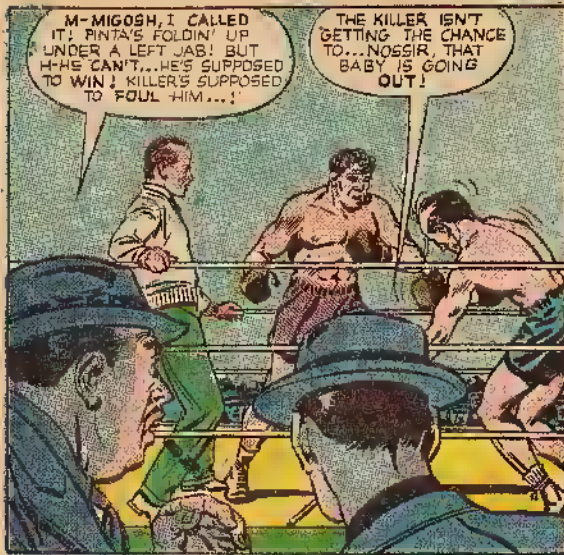
HEH-HEH! KILLER IS SMART! HE'S PUTTING ON A GOOD SHOW, CAMOUFLAGING THAT FOUL HE'S GOING TO HAND PINTA!

ROUND 2

THAT POUNDING HE'S GIVING PINTA ISN'T HELPING ANY! GO TO HIS CORNER AND TELL THE SAP TO TAKE IT EASY, OR PINTA MAY HIT THE CANVAS! MAYBE PINTA CAN'T STAND THAT KIND OF PUNISHMENT FOR THREE ROUNDS!



# OBEDY THE LAW



M-MIGOSH, I CALLED IT! PINTA'S FOLDIN' UP UNDER A LEFT JAB! BUT H-HE CAN'T...HE'S SUPPOSED TO WIN! KILLER'S SUPPOSED TO FOUL HIM...!

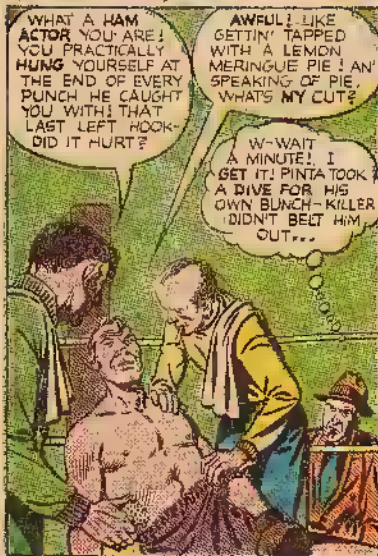
THE KILLER ISN'T GETTING THE CHANCE TO...NOSSIR, THAT BABY IS GOING OUT!



WINNER BY A KNOCKOUT IN TWO MINUTES, TWENTY-EIGHT SECONDS OF THE SECOND ROUND-KILLER FREEDOM!

I'LL KILL THAT SLUG-NUTTY TANKER! HE BIFFED ME OUT OF FIVE G'S!

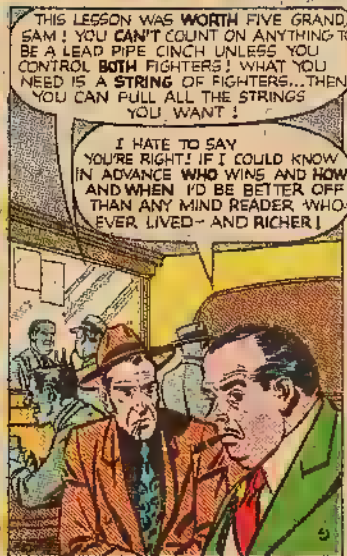
NOT SO FAST, SAM! I SMELL A RAT! WAIT HERE! I'M GOIN' INTO PINTA'S CORNER!



WHAT A HAM ACTOR YOU ARE! YOU PRACTICALLY HUNG YOURSELF AT THE END OF EVERY PUNCH HE CAUGHT YOU WITH! THAT LAST LEFT HOOK-DID IT HURT?

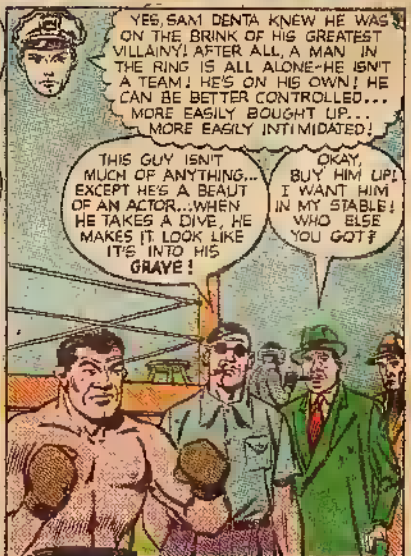
AWFUL! LIKE GETTIN' TAPPED WITH A LEMON MERINGUE PIE! AN' SPEAKING OF PIE, WHAT'S MY CUT?

W-WAIT A MINUTE! I GET IT! PINTA TOOK A DIVE FOR HIS OWN BUNCH-KILLER DIDN'T BEET HIM OUT...



THIS LESSON WAS WORTH FIVE GRAND, SAM! YOU CAN'T COUNT ON ANYTHING TO BE A LEAD PIPE CINCH UNLESS YOU CONTROL BOTH FIGHTERS! WHAT YOU NEED IS A STRING OF FIGHTERS...THEN YOU CAN PULL ALL THE STRINGS YOU WANT!

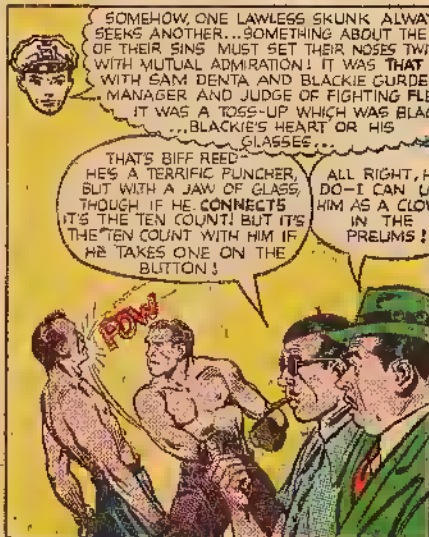
I HATE TO SAY YOU'RE RIGHT! IF I COULD KNOW IN ADVANCE WHO WINS AND HOW AND WHEN I'D BE BETTER OFF THAN ANY MIND READER, WHO-EVER LIVED- AND RICHER!



YES, SAM DENTA KNEW HE WAS ON THE BRINK OF HIS GREATEST VILLAINY! AFTER ALL, A MAN IN THE RING IS ALL ALONE-HE ISN'T A TEAM! HE'S ON HIS OWN! HE CAN BE BETTER CONTROLLED... MORE EASILY BOUGHT UP... MORE EASILY INTIMIDATED!

THIS GUY ISN'T EXCEPT HE'S A BEAUTY OF AN ACTOR...WHEN HE TAKES A DIVE, HE MAKES IT LOOK LIKE IT'S INTO HIS GRAVE!

OKAY, BUY HIM UP! I WANT HIM IN MY STABLE! WHO ELSE YOU GOT?



SOMEHOW, ONE LAWLESS SKUNK ALWAYS SEEKS ANOTHER...SOMETHING ABOUT THE ODOOR OF THEIR SINS MUST SET THEIR NOSES TWITCHING WITH MUTUAL ADMIRATION! IT WAS THAT WAY WITH SAM DENTA AND BLACKIE CURDE, A MANAGER AND JUDGE OF FIGHTING FLESH! IT WAS A TOSSE-UP WHICH WAS BLACKER GLASSES...

THAT'S BIFF REED! HE'S A TERRIFIC PUNCHER, BUT WITH A JAW OF GLASS, THOUGH IF HE CONNECTS IT'S THE TEN COUNT! BUT IT'S THE TEN COUNT WITH HIM IF HE TAKES ONE ON THE BUTT!

ALL RIGHT, HE'LL DO-I CAN USE HIM AS A CLOWN IN THE PRELIMS!



WHAT ABOUT JABOZ? HE'S A BIG, HOMELY GIANT, BUT HE'LL DRAW CROWDS... THEY LOVE TO SEE LITTLE GUYS CHOP HIM DOWN TO SIZE!



THIS FLYWEIGHT'S GOT NOTHING BUT RUBBERY LEGS AND A MOP OF LONG HAIR... HE LOOKS AND ACTS LIKE A TOUGH SCRAPPER, EVEN THOUGH HE COULDN'T LICK A PLATE!

THIS HANDSOME FANCY DAN IS PRACTICALLY A MUST FOR THE LADIES! WE NEED A HAM WITH GOOD LOOKS!

GET ONE THING STRAIGHT, BLACKIE- WHAT LOOKS GOOD TO ME IS RESULTS! I'M EXPECTING FOR US TO CLEAN UP! IF WE DON'T, I'M GONNA BLAME YOU!



# OBEDY THE LAW



SAM DENTA WAS NOW READY FOR THE KILL OF HIS LIFE! HE WAS PREPARED TO GO THE LIMIT! HE WAS CERTAIN THAT ANYTHING THAT STOOD IN HIS WAY COULD BE GOTTEN RID OF WITH EITHER A BUCK OR A BULLET...



I'VE NEVER DONE THIS BEFORE. BUT OKAY, DENTA—MY BOY GOES INTO A NAP IN THE EIGHTH ROUND!

OKAY—THE SECOND! BUT THAT'LL COST YOU A THOUSAND MORE—MY BOY'S REPUTATION GOES DOWN AFTER THIS FIGHT!

YOU DIDN'T HEAR STRAIGHT, PAWLEY! IN THE SECOND! I WANT MY DUB TO LOOK LIKE AN ASSASSIN!

THIS SMART GUY WON'T EVER AGAIN FORGET TO KEEP HIS WORD!



PAWLEY GOT A SUDDEN STROKE OF CONSCIENCE... HIS FIGHTER DIDN'T TAKE THE SCHEDULED DIVE IN THE SECOND OR ANY OTHER ROUND! PAWLEY MAINTAINED HIS SELF-RESPECT, BUT LOST HIS LIFE!

IMAGINE IT BEING AGAINST THE LAW TO MURDER A STUMBLEBUM WHO CROSSES YOU UP AN LOSER A GRAND!



MANY A HAM-AND-EGGER DROPS OUT OF SIGHT WHEN HE'S WASHED UP, BUT AFTER SAM DENTA DID THE WASHING UP, THE DISAPPEARANCE WAS COMPLETE—OR ALMOST COMPLETE...

IT'S AN OLD CANVAS-KISSER NAMED JAKE PAWLEY! WHAT COULD ANYBODY HAVE HAD AGAINST OLD JAKE? COULD IT HAVE BEEN ROBBERY, SERGEANT?

NO, BILL, AN OLD RING IS STILL ON HIS FINGER, AND HIS WALLET HASN'T BEEN TOUCHED! HE WAS IN SOMEBODY'S WAY BY BEING ALIVE TO SAY THINGS HE WASN'T SUPPOSED TO!



I KNOW IT'S BEEN A GREAT SHOCK, MRS. PAWLEY, BUT TRY TO REMEMBER WHAT JAKE WAS DOING YESTERDAY!

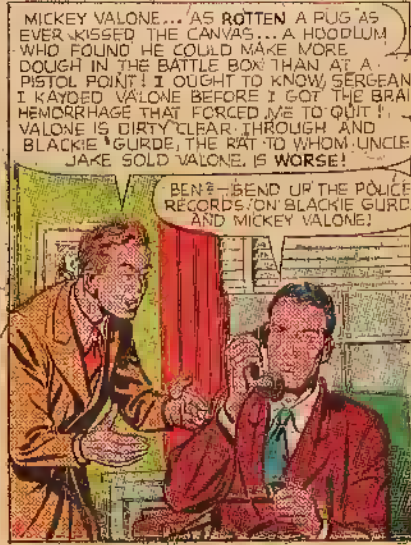
Y-YESTERDAY? I CAN'T REMEMBER—HE USED TO TELL ME EVERYTHING, BUT FOR A MONTH HE HASN'T BEEN HIMSELF... NOW I—THIS... SOB?

EVER SINCE UNCLE JAKE STARTED HANGING OUT WITH BLACKIE GURDE, HE GOT VERY MYSTERIOUS AND IRRITABLE—AND HAD MORE MONEY!



UNCLE JAKE GAVE HIS BEST TO THE FIGHT GAME AND CAME OUT WITHOUT A PENNY! BUT HE HAD RING SAVVY, SO FROM TIME TO TIME MANAGED A CAULIFLOWER ON HIS WAY UP TO GLORY, UNTIL SOMEBODY BOUGHT HIS ROSIN SNIFFER AFTER HE STARTED TO WIN A FEW FIGHTS!

WHO WAS THE LATEST FIGHTER YOUR UNCLE WAS MANAGING?



MICKY VALONE... AS ROTTEN A PUG AS EVER KISSED THE CANVAS... A HOODLUM WHO FOUND HE COULD MAKE MORE DOUGH IN THE BATTLE BOX THAN AT A PISTOL POINT! I OUGHT TO KNOW, SERGEANT! I KAYED VALONE BEFORE I GOT THE BRAIN HEMORRHAGE THAT FORCED ME TO QUIT! VALONE IS DIRTY CLEAR, THROUGH AND BLACKIE GURDE, THE RAT TO WHOM UNCLE JAKE SOLD VALONE, IS WORSE!

BEN?—BEND UP THE POLICE RECORDS ON BLACKIE GURDE AND MICKY VALONE!



YOU'RE RIGHT, TOMMY—GURDE AND VALONE ARE BAD ACTORS! THEY'VE VIOLATED EVERY BOXING REGULATION IN THE STATE, AND NOW, MAYBE IT'S MURDER! IF IT IS, WE'LL GET THEM!



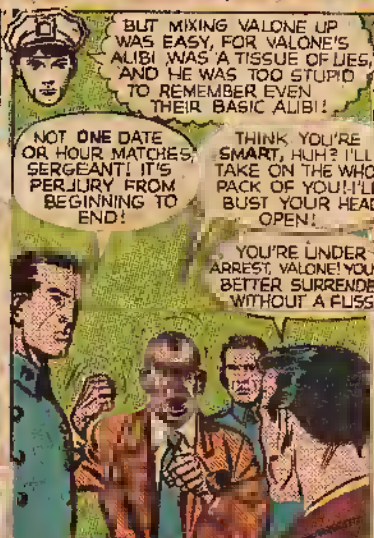
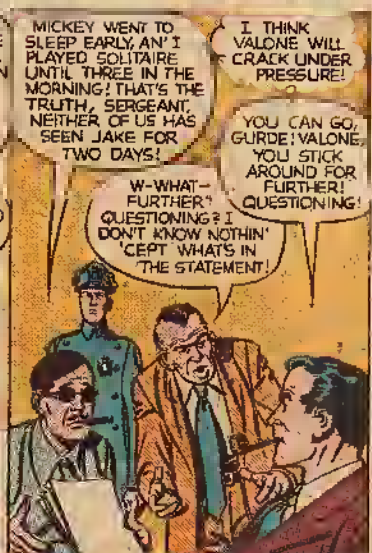
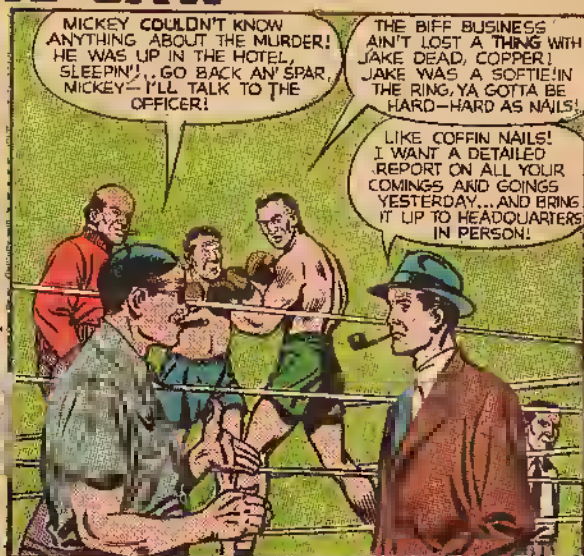
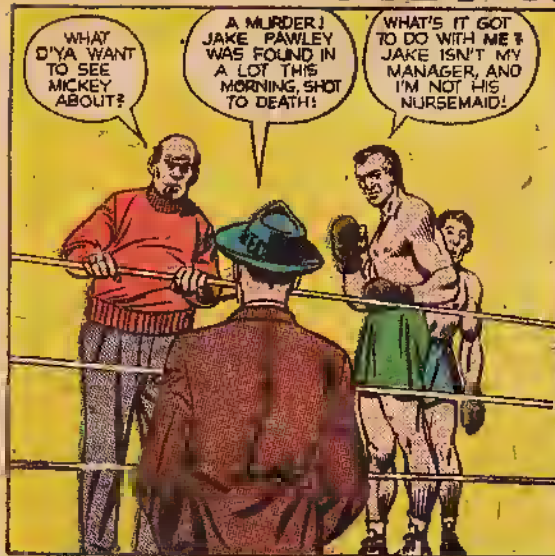
WHERE CAN I FIND MICKY VALONE?

BACK THERE!

QUICK! PASS THE WORD TO BLACKIE! THERE'S A DETECTIVE NOSIN' AROUND!

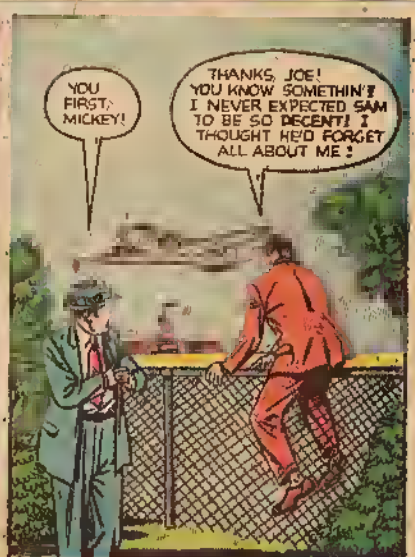
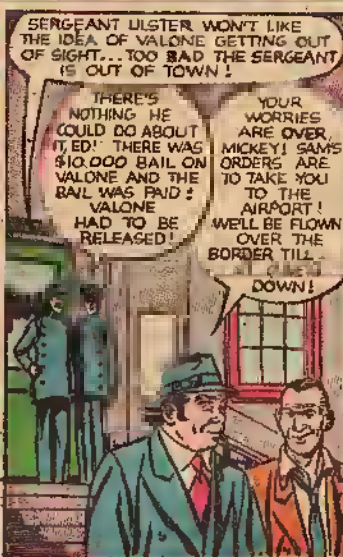
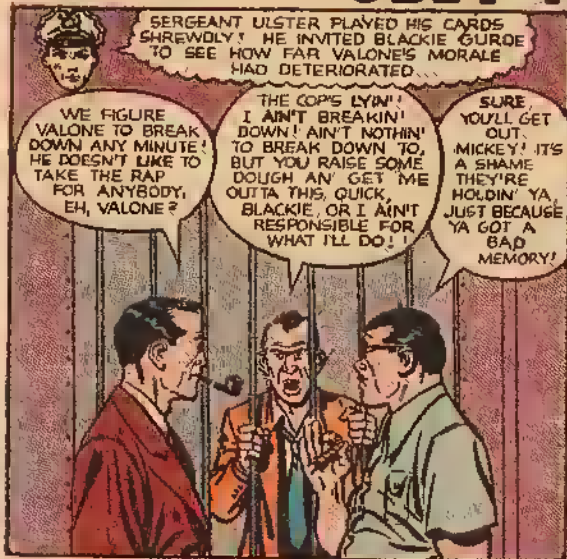


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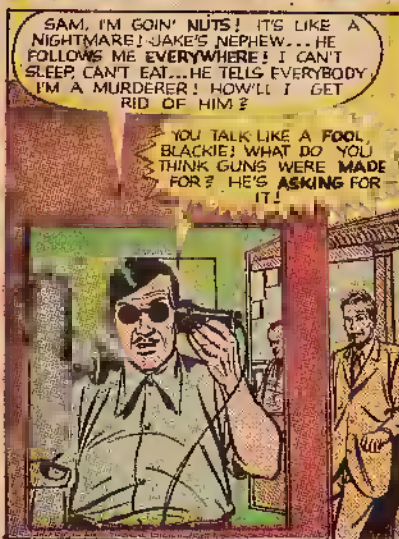
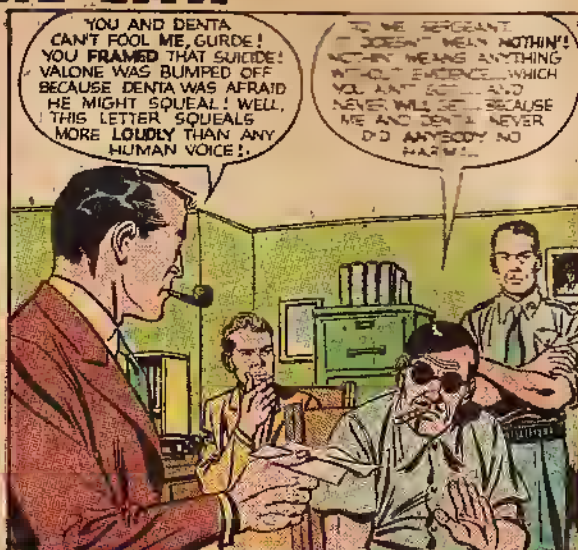


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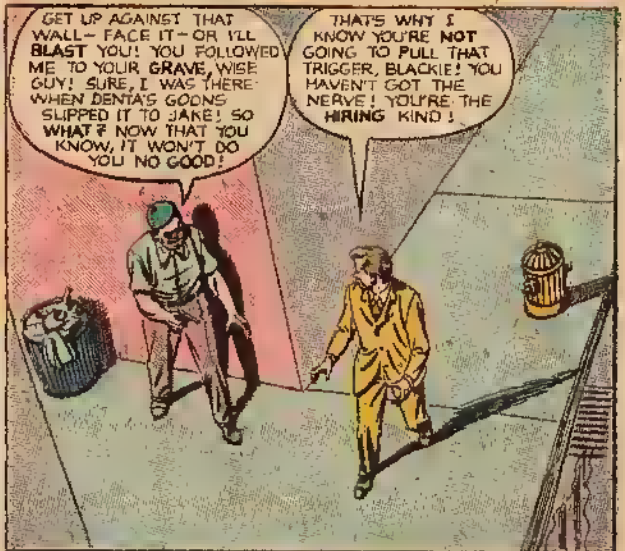




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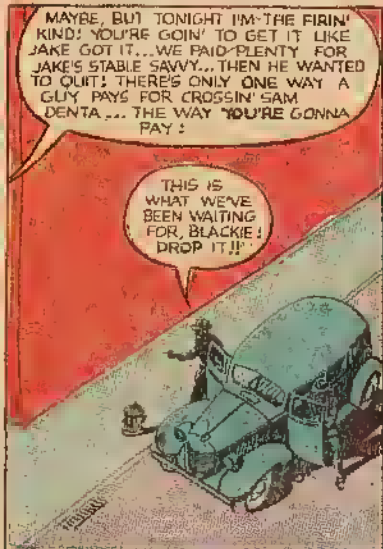


BLACKIE LEFT THE BAR FIRST... HE TURNED INTO AN ALLEY AND WAITED! YOUNG PAWLEY KNEW THAT BLACKIE WAS ABOUT TO EXPLODE! HE SENGED THAT THE IMPORTANT MOMENT HAD COME!



GET UP AGAINST THAT WALL - FACE IT - OR I'LL BLAST YOU! YOU FOLLOWED ME TO YOUR GRAVE, WISE GUY! SURE, I WAS THERE WHEN DENTA'S GODDINS SLIPPED IT TO JAKE! SO WHAT'S NOW THAT YOU KNOW, IT WON'T DO YOU NO GOOD!

THAT'S WHY I KNOW YOU'RE NOT GOING TO PULL THAT TRIGGER, BLACKIE! YOU HAVEN'T GOT THE NERVE! YOU'RE THE HIRING KIND!



MAYBE, BUT TONIGHT I'M THE FIRIN' KIND! YOU'RE GOIN' TO GET IT LIKE JAKE GOT IT... WE PAID PLENTY FOR JAKE'S STABLE SAVVY... THEN HE WANTED TO QUIT! THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY A GUY PAYS FOR CROSSIN' SAM DENTA... THE WAY YOU'RE GONNA PAY!

THIS IS WHAT WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR, BLACKIE! DROP IT!



WE MEAN BUSINESS, BLACKIE!

YOU AIN'T GOIN' TO SPRING ANY LOUSY TRAP ON ME! I'LL CROAK FIRST....!



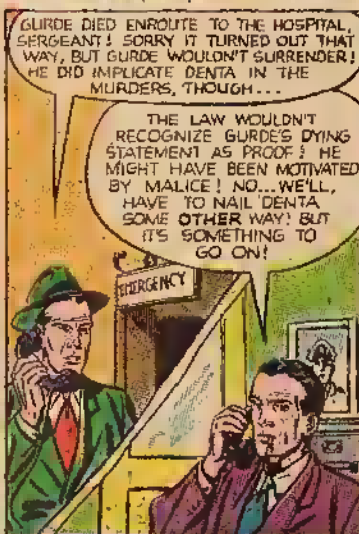
THE CORNERED RAT USUALLY PUTS UP THE MOST DESPERATE STRUGGLE, AND BLACKIE GURDE WAS NO EXCEPTION... ONLY BULLETS COULD STOP HIS FRENZIED ATTEMPT TO ESCAPE CAPTURE....



I HAD TO FIGHT... I WOULD HAVE BEEN A FOUR-TIME LOSER... CATCHIN' ME W- WITH A GUN MEANT A LIFE SENTENCE! BUT DONT LET DENTA GET AWAY WITH MURDER...! DENTA KILLED JAKE... KILLED M-MICKY... KILLED 'EM ALL! YOU GOTTA GET HIM... Y-YOU... OHHH!!

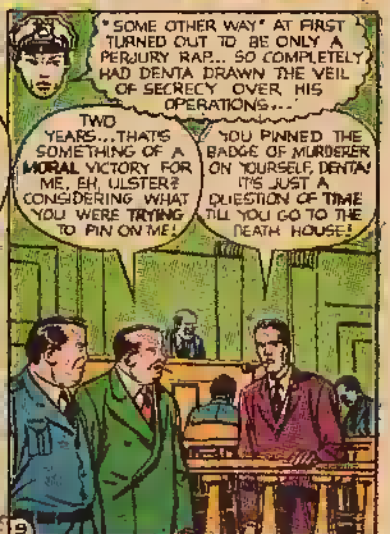
DONT TALK, GURDE! CONSERVE YOUR STRENGTH!

THE AMBULANCE IS ON ITS WAY!



GURDE DIED ENROUTE TO THE HOSPITAL, SERGEANT! SORRY IT TURNED OUT THAT WAY, BUT GURDE WOULDN'T SURRENDER! HE DID IMPLICATE DENTA IN THE MURDERS, THOUGH...

THE LAW WOULDN'T RECOGNIZE GURDE'S DYING STATEMENT AS PROOF! HE MIGHT HAVE BEEN MOTIVATED BY MALICE! NO... WE'LL HAVE TO NAIL DENTA SOME OTHER WAY! BUT IT'S SOMETHING TO GO ON!



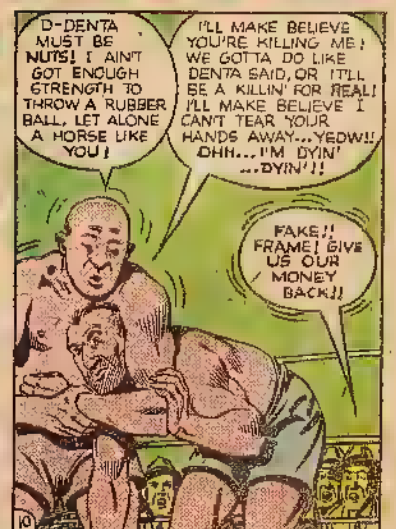
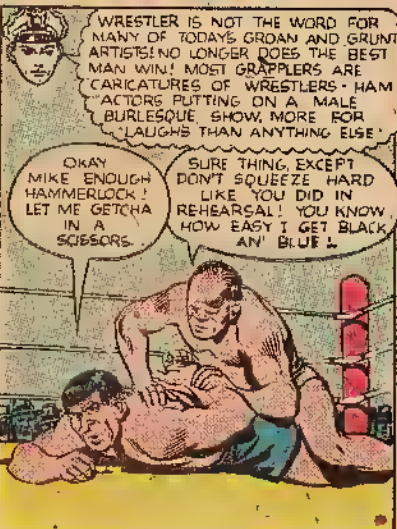
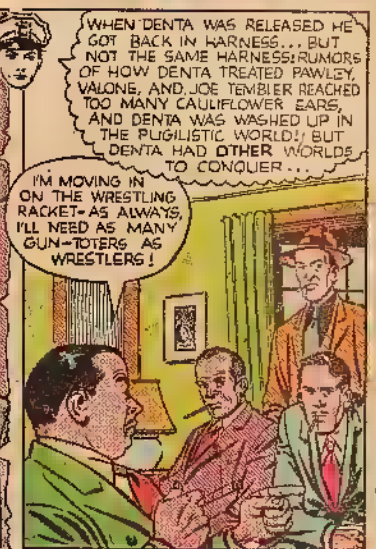
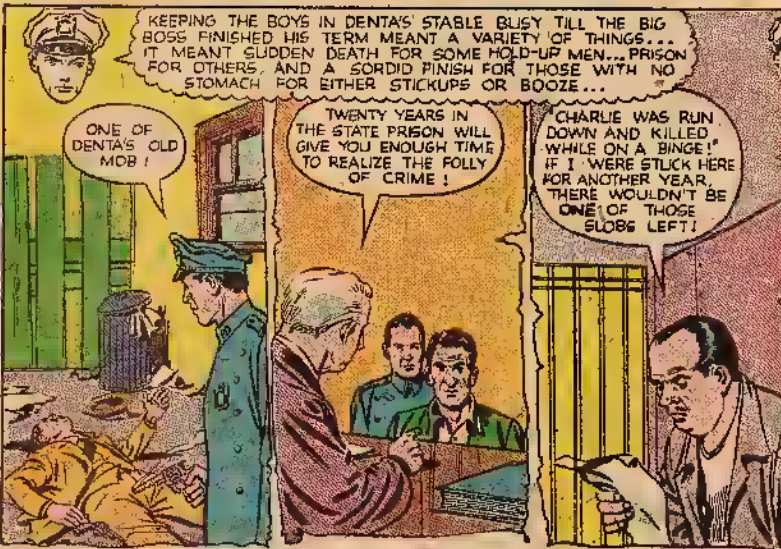
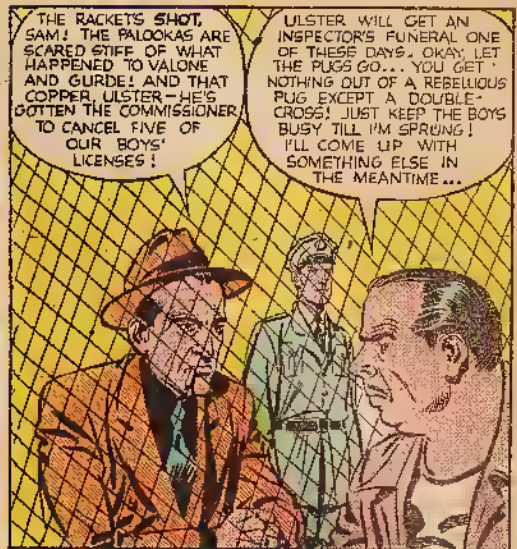
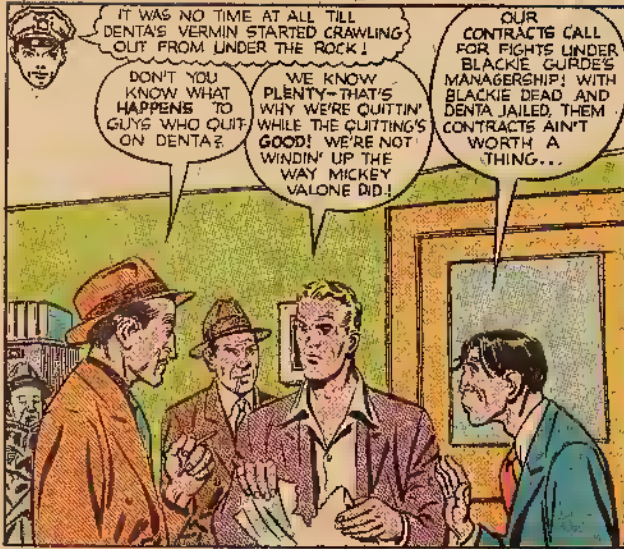
"SOME OTHER WAY" AT FIRST TURNED OUT TO BE ONLY A PERJURY RAP... SO COMPLETELY HAD DENTA DRAWN THE VEIL OF SECRECY OVER HIS OPERATIONS...

TWO YEARS... THAT'S SOMETHING OF A MORAL VICTORY FOR ME, EH, ULSTER? CONSIDERING WHAT YOU WERE TRYING TO PIN ON ME!

YOU PINNED THE BADGE OF MURDERER ON YOURSELF, DENTA! IT'S JUST A QUESTION OF TIME TILL YOU GO TO THE DEATH HOUSE!

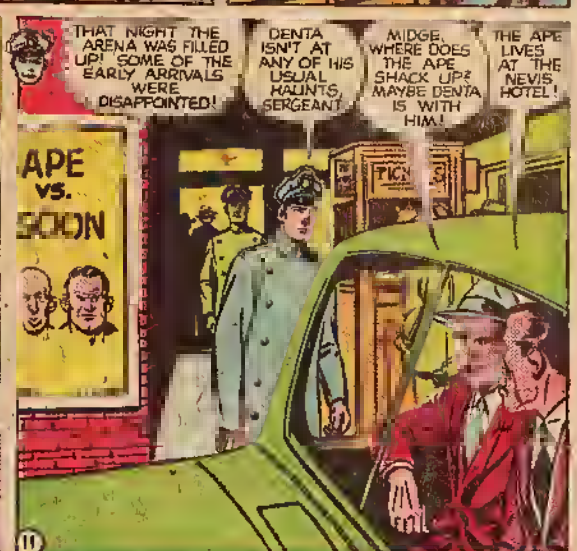
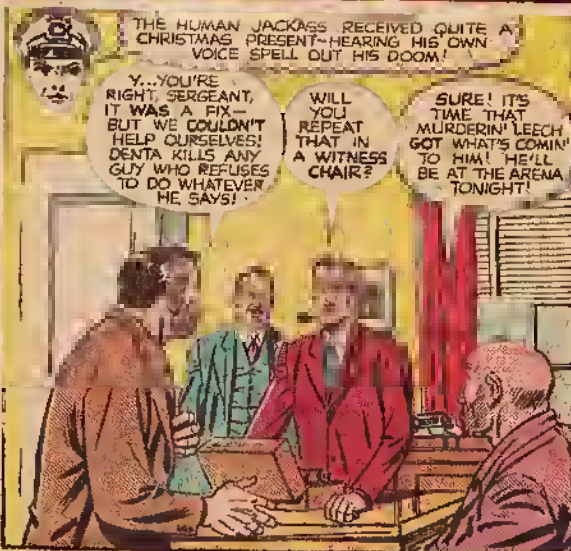
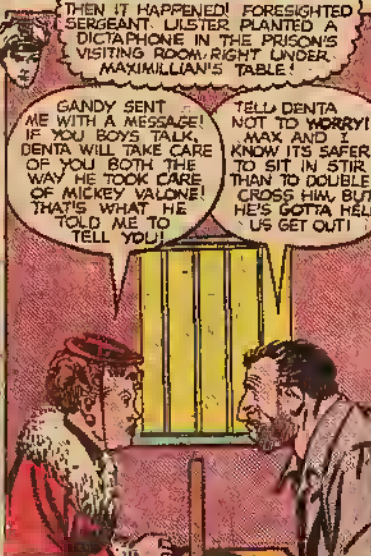
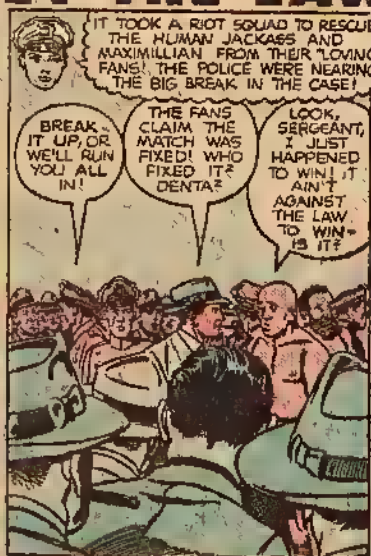


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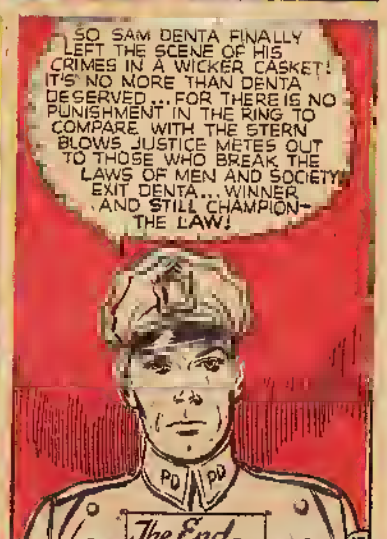
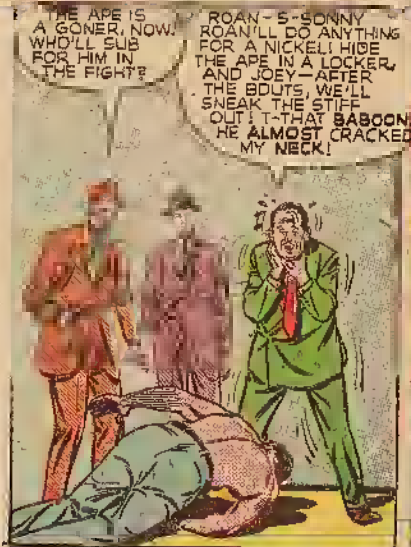
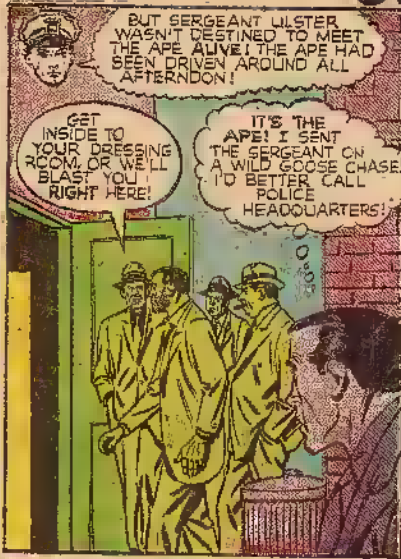


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- ☐ To have C.O.D. charges, enclosed is \$4.95, plus 10% Federal tax. Total \$5.45. Send Prepaid on Money-Back Guarantee.
- ☐ Send 2 Prepaid. Enclosed is \$10.00 on Money-Back Guarantee Offer.



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# the CASE OF THE OVERBOARD GEMS!

A BAND OF SMUGGLING RATS SANK THEIR OWN SHIP WHEN THEY CAME UP AGAINST TWO QUICK-WITTED SAILORS!



ONE INNOCENT ACTION ENMESHED TWO YOUNG ENGLISH SEAMEN IN THE WEB OF A VICIOUS SMUGGLING RING. BUT ONE RUSE ENABLED THE SAILORS TO TURN THE TABLES UPON THEIR CAPTORS AND HELP THE LAW WEAVE A WEB OF STEEL BARS ABOUT THE CRIMINALS!

IN THE LATTER PART OF JUNE, 1939, TWO YOUNG SEAMEN WERE OILING MACHINERY ON A CRACK ENGLISH LINER AS IT PLOWED THROUGH THE SEAS TOWARD THE UNITED STATES...

THE BLADES ARE STILL HITTING SOMETHING, MAC!

IT COULDN'T BE RUST, BECAUSE I OIL IT REGULARLY! GIVE ME YOUR SCREW DRIVER, BERT! I'LL TAKE OFF THE COVER!



NO WONDER! LOOK WHAT WAS LEFT INSIDE!

INSECTICIDE! THOSE DECK HANDS GET MORE CARELESS EVERY DAY! IT MIGHT HAVE RUINED THE FAN BLADES!



IT'S A FULL CAN, TOO! I WONDER WHO THE STUPID BLIGHTER COULD BE!

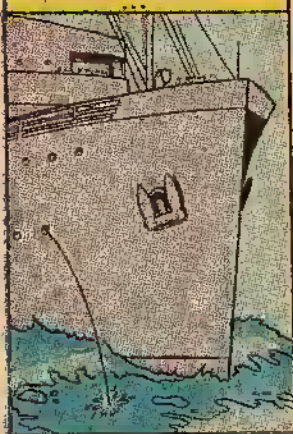
WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE, MAC? TEACH 'IM A LESSON AND THROW IT AWAY! WHOEVER IT IS WILL BE MORE CAREFUL NEXT TIME IF HAS TO PAY FOR IT!





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NO ONE NOTICED THIS SIMPLE ACT, AND THE OILERS GAVE IT NO FURTHER THOUGHT- THEY WERE ALREADY THINKING AHEAD TO THEIR COMING WEEKEND LIBERTY IN NEW YORK



FIVE POUNDS IN MY POCKET AND TWO DAYS IN THE CITY! COME ON, MAC- IT'LL BE NICE VISITING A CITY THAT ISN'T BLACKED OUT AT NIGHT!



RIGHTO!

THE CREW'S STARTING TO COME ASHORE NOW, BOSS!

I KNOW I WON'T HAVE ANY TROUBLE FINDING MY WAY AROUND BOARD! I SHIPPED ON HER YEARS AGO!



...AND WITH MOST OF THE CREW ON SHORE MR. JENKS, I WANT YOU TO BE ESPECIALLY WATCHFUL! I'VE RECEIVED CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS THAT SMUGGLING IS ON THE INCREASE NOW THAT THERE'S BEEN SO MUCH WAR TALK!



I UNDERSTAND, SIR!

ACCORDING TO THE MESSAGE, IT SHOULD BE IN THE SECOND VENTILATOR FROM THE LEFT...



IT'S NOT HERE!



THAT SETTLES IT- THE TIN ISN'T BEHIND ANY OF THEM! SOMEONE ON THIS SHIP MUST HAVE FOUND IT- ONE OF THE OILERS, MAYBE!



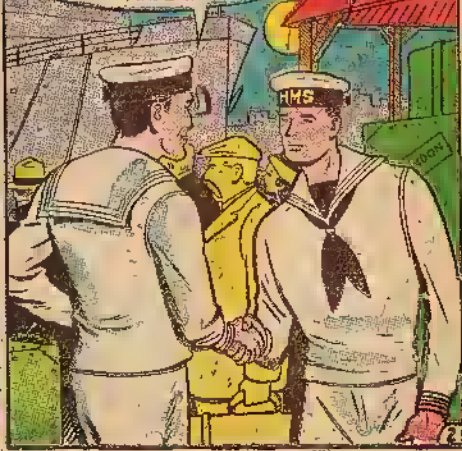
HI, THERE, MILLS! THERE'S A MAN ON THE PIER WHO WOULD LIKE A WORD WITH YOU!



A MAN, YOU SAY? ARE YOU SURE IT'S NOT A WOMAN? BE A GOOD SPORT AND TELL MAC WHERE I'VE GONE AND TO MEET ME THERE!

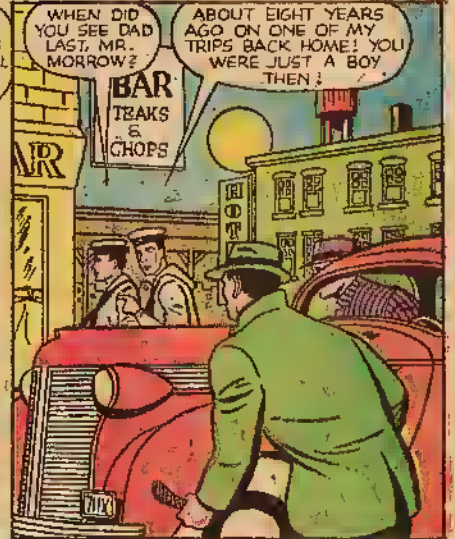
MY NAME IS ALPHONSE MORROW! I'M AN OLD FRIEND OF YOUR FATHER'S FROM PORTS MOUTH! HE WROTE TO ME - ASKED ME TO SHOW YOU AROUND!

A FRIEND OF FATHER'S?



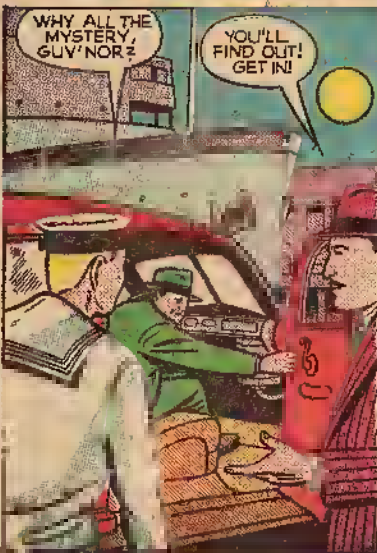
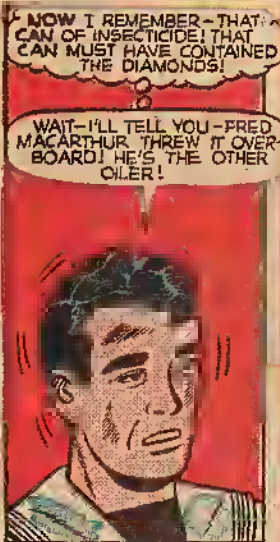


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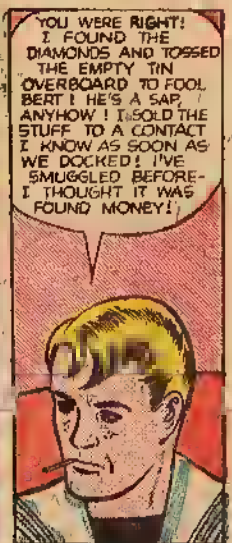
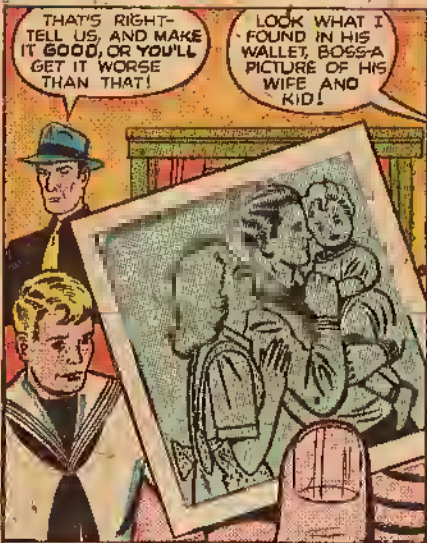


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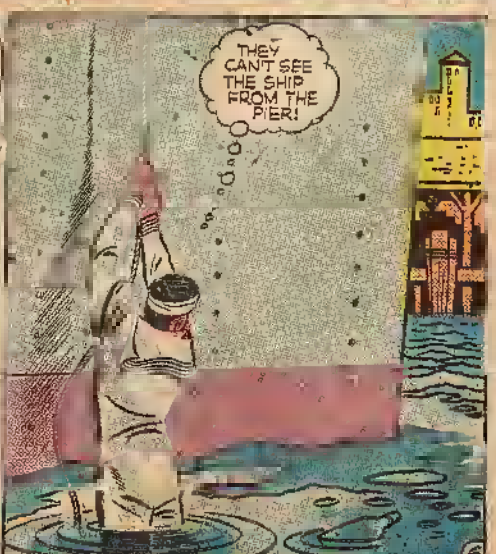
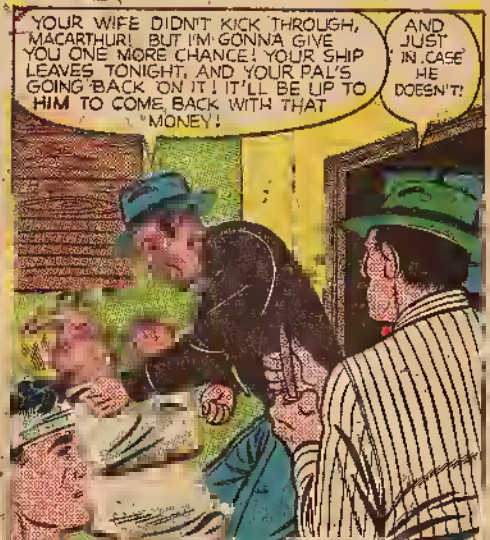


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THERE ISN'T TIME TO SWIM DOWNSTREAM! I'LL HAVE TO TRICK THAT BUGHTER, SOMEHOW— BESIDES, I OWE HIM A FEW!



WHAT'S THAT?



JUST THE OLDEST TRICK IN THE BOOK!



HERE YARE, BUDDY! POLICE HEADQUARTERS! DO YOU WANT ANY HELP WITH HIM?

NO—I CAN MANAGE THIS BLOKE ALL RIGHT!

THAT MUST BE THE SAILOR WE WERE WIRED ABOUT!

YEAH, THAT'S AN ENGLISH SEAMAN'S UNIFORM, ALL RIGHT!



FANTASTIC! BUT HAVE YOU ANY IDEA WHERE THEY TOOK YOU? WE'LL HAVE TO WORK FAST IF WE'RE GOING TO RESCUE YOUR FRIEND BEFORE THE GANG LEARNS ABOUT THIS!

NO—I WAS BLINDFOLDED! BUT THERE WAS SOMETHING I NOTICED...



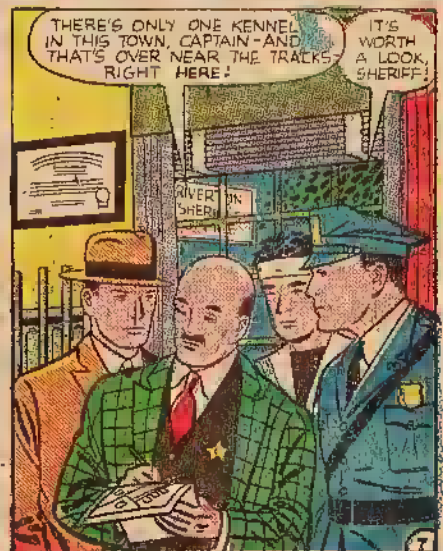
A TRAIN PASSED THE HOUSE WHERE THEY TOOK US AT EXACTLY 1:00 AND 4:00 EVERY AFTERNOON, AND THERE MUST HAVE BEEN A KENNEL NEARBY BECAUSE WE HEARD DOGS BARKING MOST OF THE TIME!

GOOD BOY! NOW WE'RE GETTING SOMEWHERE!



I'M ALMOST CERTAIN THAT THE TOWN IN QUESTION IS RIVERTON! OUR TRAINS PASS THERE EXACTLY TO THE MINUTES YOU GAVE US, CAPTAIN!

SAM, CALL THE SHERIFF UP IN RIVERTON AND EXPLAIN EVERYTHING! SAY WE'LL BE THERE IN THIRTY MINUTES!



THERE'S ONLY ONE KENNEL IN THIS TOWN, CAPTAIN—AND THAT'S OVER NEAR THE TRACKS, RIGHT HERE!

IT'S WORTH A LOOK, SHERIFF!



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THAT EVEN SOUNDS LIKE THE DOG SIR! I THINK WE'VE FOUND IT!



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## ON THE LEVEL

by C.H. MOORE

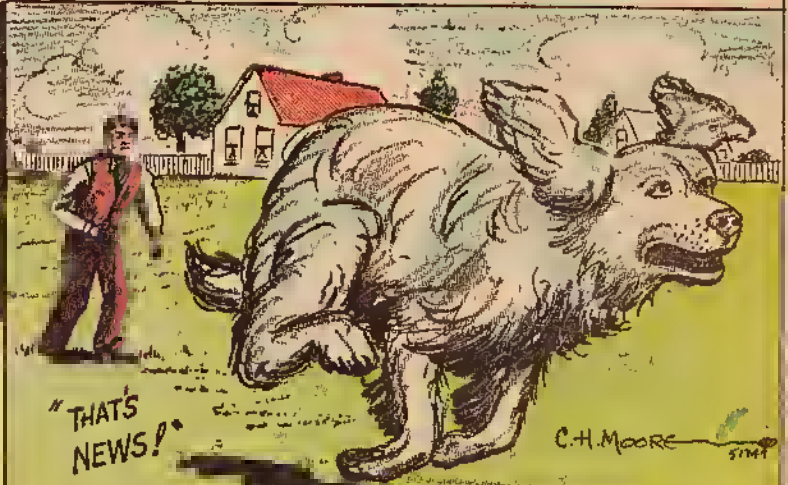
DRAWN ESPECIALLY FOR  
"CRIME AND PUNISHMENT"



**NOLAN KOLIFF** of IDAHO,

CONFESSED TO THE  
MURDER OF HIS WIFE --  
"BECAUSE FOR 20 YEARS  
SHE HAD NEVER REMEMBERED

TO PUT THE CRACKER IN  
THE TOOTHPASTE TUBE!"



"A MAN WHO BIT A DOG WAS ARRESTED ON A COMPLAINT SWORN  
OUT AGAINST HIM BY THE SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY  
TO ANIMALS! HE CLAIMED IT WAS SELF-DEFENSE!"



**MRS. BEVERLY**  
OF ENGLAND,

SHOP-LIFTED  
A DRESS  
FROM A  
DEPARTMENT  
STORE,  
AND  
WAS CAUGHT  
WHEN SHE  
TOOK IT  
BACK TO  
THE SAME  
STORE --  
TO EXCHANGE  
IT FOR A  
SMALLER  
SIZE!



**BOB BANK** -- AGE 10 -- WAS  
SENTENCED BY THE COURT  
TO ATTEND CHURCH EVERY SUNDAY  
FOR 5 YEARS BECAUSE HE WAS  
BRUING INTO COURT 5 DIFFERENT  
TIMES FOR MINOR OFFENSES!



**SAM T. ZUROK**  
WAS ARRESTED FOR STEALING  
A COFFIN. THEY CAUGHT HIM WHEN HE  
TRIED TO SELL IT IN LOUISIANA!



**NICK TREDOR** MADE ONE  
MISTAKE WHEN HE TRIED  
TO IMPERSONATE A DETECTIVE  
-- HE WALKED UP TO A  
REAL PLAINCLOTHES COP  
TO TRY HIS GAME -- SO NOW  
HE'S ACTING THE PART OF PRISONER!

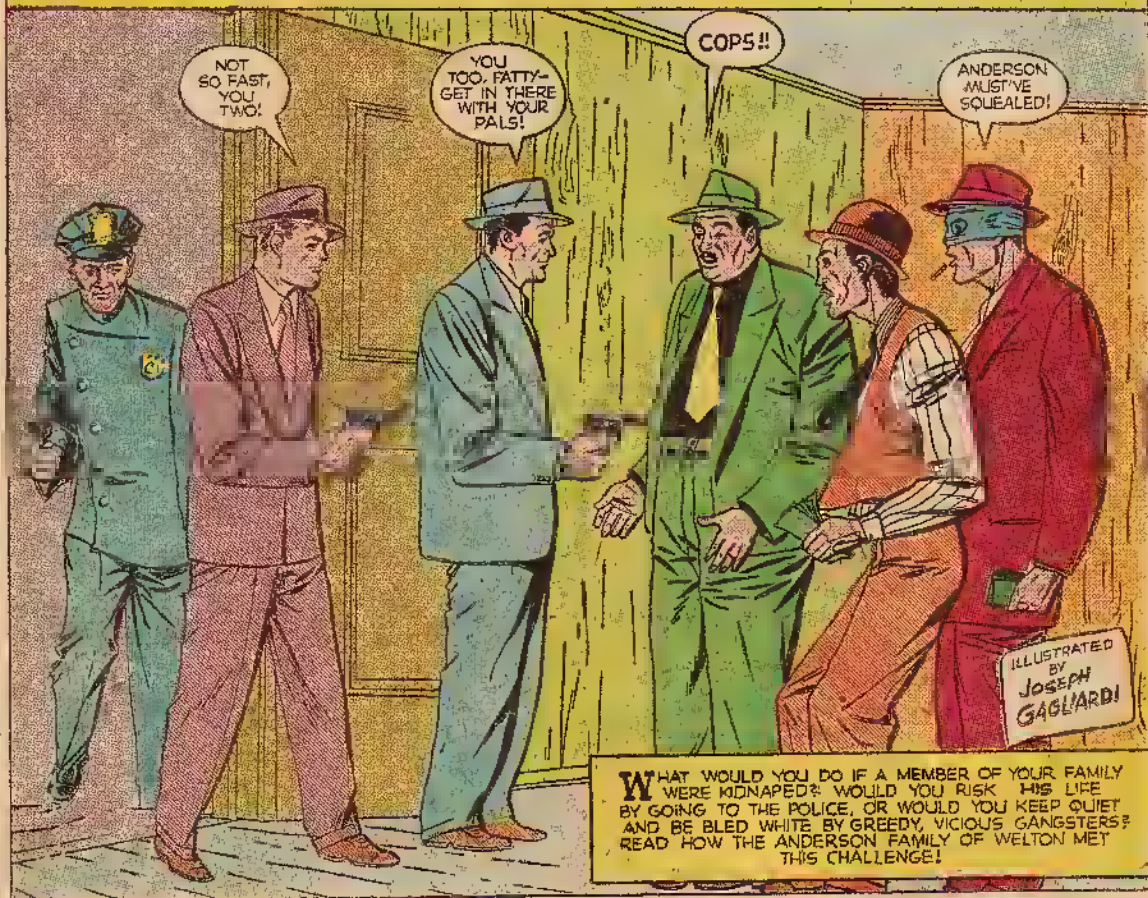


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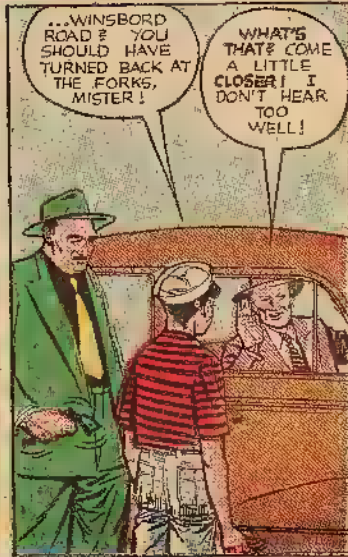
# MOBSTERS-C.O.D.!

FEAR MADE JAMES ANDERSON ACT WITHOUT REASON AND ALMOST COST HIS SON'S LIFE!



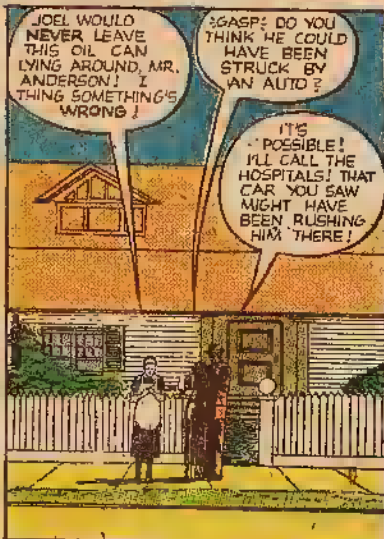
WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY WERE KIDNAPED? WOULD YOU RISK HIS LIFE BY GOING TO THE POLICE, OR WOULD YOU KEEP QUIET AND BE BLED WHITE BY GREEDY, VICIOUS GANGSTERS? READ HOW THE ANDERSON FAMILY OF WELTON MET THIS CHALLENGE!

AT 5:30 P.M. ON SEPTEMBER 28, 1943, MRS. ANDERSON AND HER ELEVEN-YEAR-OLD SON, JOEL, RETURNED TO THEIR HOME AFTER A SHOPPING TRIP IN DOWNTOWN WELTON CITY...



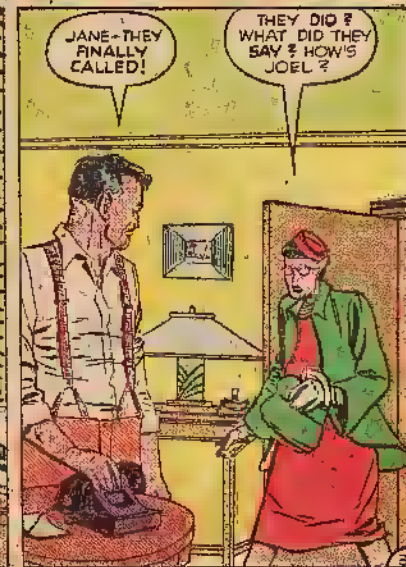
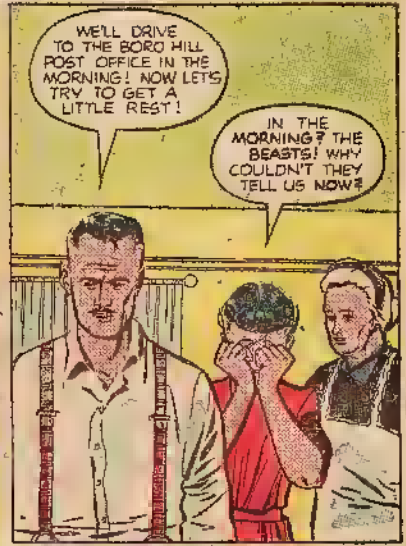
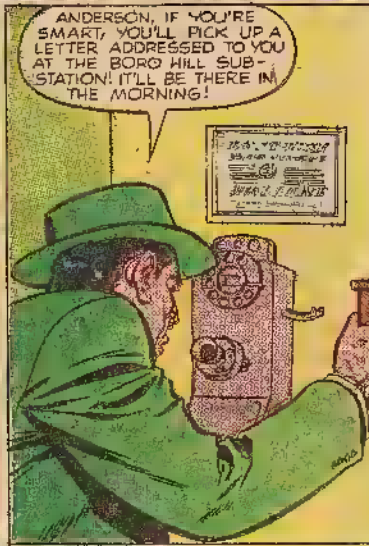


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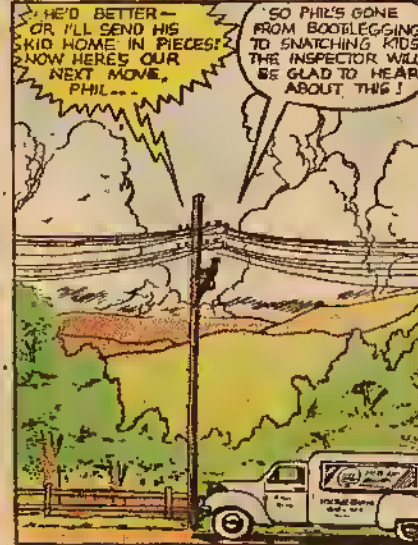


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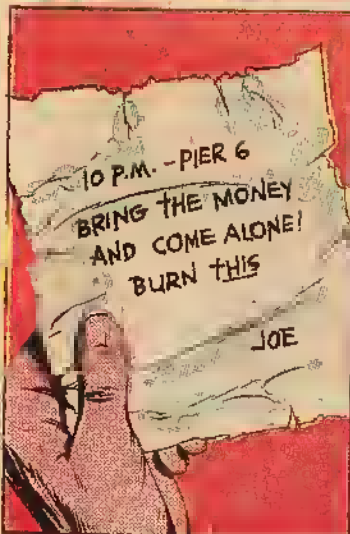


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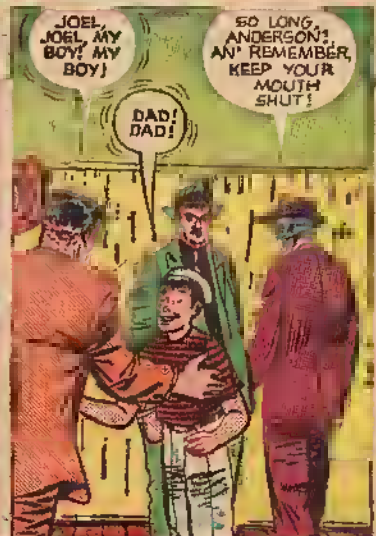
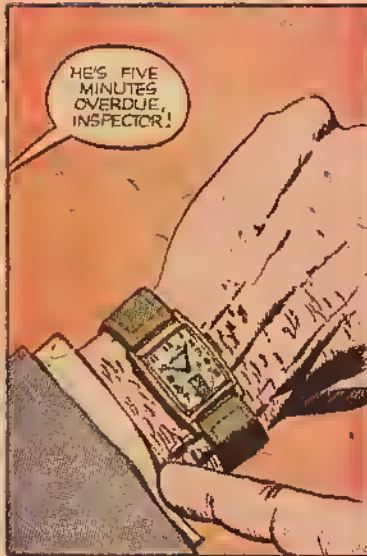


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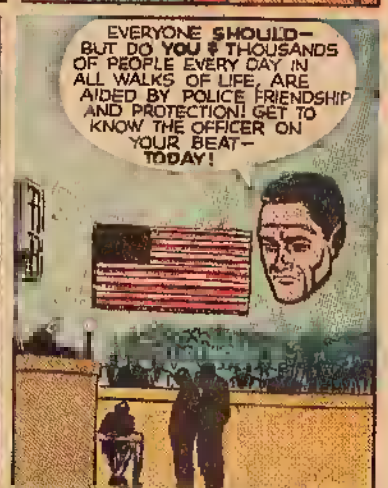
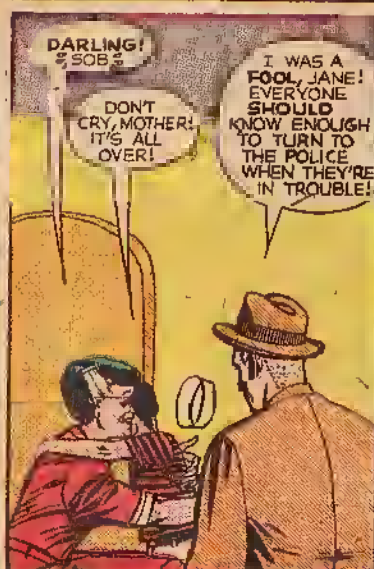
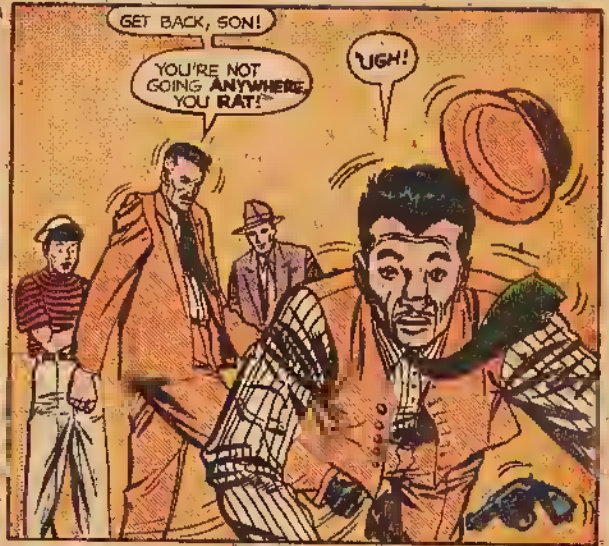


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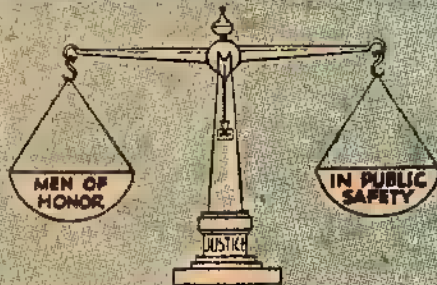
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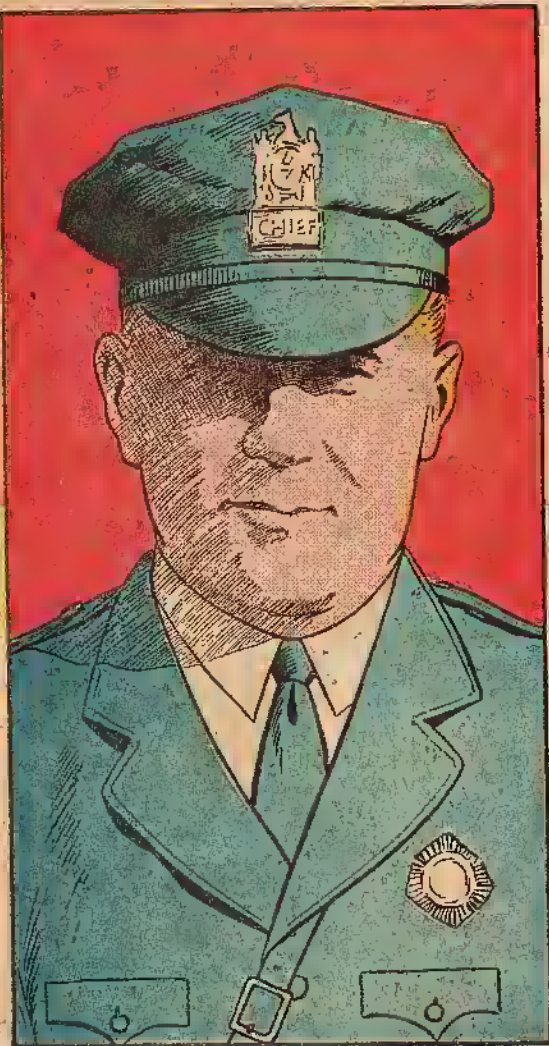
PHIL REEVES, JOE LESTER AND AL DOBBS WERE SENTENCED TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT ON DEC. 8, 1944-CRIME DOES NOT PAY! /THE END



# OUR POLICE HALL OF FAME



**CHIEF ALVIN C. LICH**  
**WESTWOOD, N. J.**



**B**EFORE any new patrolman is started on duty in Westwood, New Jersey, Chief of Police Alvin C. Lich tells him of his own start in police work to illustrate how methods have changed over the past 29 years.

"When I was appointed to the police department," Chief Lich relates, "I was one of the two men on the force. My first job was to operate the stop-and-go sign in the railroad station. I had absolutely no police training and was given the equipment for and told to take this job with no preparation. In fact, it wasn't until 1929, when I was appointed Chief of Police, that I had any formal training in police methods." What the Chief doesn't add is that in 1929 he entered the Municipal Training School sponsored by the New Jersey State Police Association, where he graduated top man in his class. A glass case on his desk holds the .38 calibre Detective Special presented to him at graduation by Col. H. Norman Schwartzkopf.

"Today, when a man enters police work, he is thoroughly schooled in every phase of his duty before he is allowed to have any contact with the public," Chief Lich declared. "This certainly makes for better police officers and saves the law enforcement many of the headaches and heartaches that come from 'learning by experience'."

Because he feels so strongly about law enforcement training, Chief Lich has been one of the men who have fought most strongly for its expansion. He has attended numerous specialized schools, and has been one of the most active police chiefs in New Jersey, serving as president and at present secretary of the Bergen County Police Chiefs Association, and as vice-



president of the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police.

Chief Lich is a police chief who doesn't ever want to be spectacular. "My job is primarily to prevent crime, secondarily to detect and arrest criminals," he says. "If it were at all possible to fulfil the first of my functions to perfection, there would be no reason or use for detection."

Judging from the results, he has been successful at both prevention and detection. While Westwood is not a crimeless community, its crime rate is one of the lowest in the country, thanks to the work of Chief Lich. "By constant, careful policing, and by having the cooperation of the citizens of the community, I have been able to make Westwood an unhealthy place for a criminal," he declares. Having the complete cooperation of the citizens is one fact which Chief Lich feels most strongly about; for he believes that in order to efficiently prevent crime, a police chief must have the citizens of his town acting as observers to report any unusual occurrence.

By getting this type of cooperation, Chief Lich has succeeded on many occasions in catching criminals immediately before they commit or in the midst of a criminal act. Just a few weeks ago, an elderly lady was walking home from a church meeting when she noticed that one of the larger food stores had the shades pulled down on its inner office window. Thinking this strange, she called the police department. Three burglars were caught in the process of breaking open the store safe because of her prompt action.

Although Chief Lich has done a magnificent job in the field of crime prevention, he has also proven his ability in detection. "Science has helped policemen greatly in the detection of criminals," Chief Lich said. "Years ago, when fingerprinting was something new, people felt it would degrade them if they were fingerprinted by the police, and as a consequence, many criminals who would have been caught, weren't. Police departments were afraid of being attacked for false arrest merely because they wanted to fingerprint a possible suspect."

"I remember a case which I think illustrates my point. In the early thirties, Westwood and its surrounding area was plagued by a series of burglaries. By the time we had our first break in the case, nineteen homes had been robbed. I first became suspicious of two young men when I noticed them driving around in a new car—an expensive one. Both boys had reform school records, and one was on parole at the time. When I questioned them about the source of their new-found wealth, they were very indignant, but showed me that they had acquired the money in a legal manner.

"The burglaries were committed by smart men. They picked their houses well and never left any trace. In spite of the fact that these two men proved that they had had the money to get the car, I was suspicious and wanted to have them fingerprinted. I was about to issue an order when several lawyers warned me that I would be leaving myself open for a great deal of abuse if I did this and then found they were innocent. Because of this fact, over forty more burglaries were committed before we could get the evidence on these two.

"I immediately started having them tailed day and night, but their actions seemed perfectly innocent. They worked during the day, and never went out much at night. For many nights, I parked in front of their home to see if they came out, but they never did. Throughout this period, the burglaries continued. In spite of the fact that it seemed impossible for these two to be implicated, I stuck to my hunch.

"Within a few days, I had the lucky 'break' which closed the case. One Friday night, the two of them left early in the evening. They both had large suitcases that apparently were heavy. They took a main road to New York City. Luck ran against me when I had a flat and lost them. I was sure that if I could have stayed with them, I would have caught them red-handed.

"Two days later, they returned, and as they entered their house, I noticed that they were wearing new clothes. I also noticed that when they took the first suitcase out of the car, it seemed as light as a feather. I decided that I had to examine those suitcases. I went over to them and started talking in a friendly manner. Both were cordial and evidently in a good mood. We chatted for a few minutes, and then they went into the house.

"But they had left one suitcase in the car. As soon as they had been inside a few minutes, I searched the remaining suitcase and found it empty. As I was about to close it, I noticed a small silver coin in one of the corners. I picked up the coin and noted that was English and evidently quite old. After shutting and replacing the suitcase, I returned to my office to check this coin with the list of stolen property."

The coin proved to be from a collection that had been stolen a few weeks previously. But he still didn't know how the two suspects had managed to get out of the house while it was under surveillance. There could be only one answer: some sort of tunnel, or secret exit. The next day, when the two were at work, Chief Lich and some of his men spent six fruitless hours searching the ground around the house. As they were about to give up, Chief Lich noticed that an old garage about one hundred feet from the house, facing another street, had newly oiled hinges.



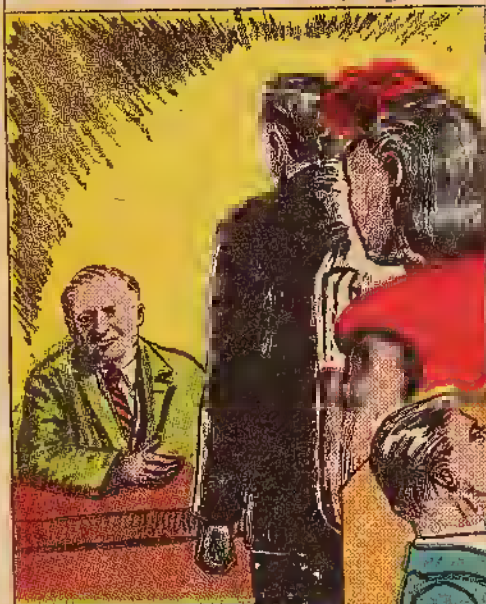
"It struck me as strange that anything as old as that and apparently as unused should have such carefully oiled hinges, so we investigated. We found that the garage was very much in use, for another car was inside. Also inside the garage was a trap door opening into a tunnel which lead to the house where these two boys lived. They had known that they were being watched, and for a week worked at night building this tunnel, so that they could get out of the house without being caught. They were arrested that night, and convicted shortly after. Yet, if I could have taken their fingerprints when I first wanted to, I would have caught them immediately, for their prints when taken in jail, matched prints taken from their second job."

Fortunately for the many people who were robbed, most of the stolen property was recovered within a few months—again due to the efforts of Chief Lich.

In working toward his goal of a crimeless community, Chief Lich has proven himself a top man both in detection and in the field of youth guidance. Through his efforts and with excellent results many youth groups have been organized to combat delinquency. The townspeople of Westwood owe him a great debt, for he has made the town one of the most peaceful and friendly in the country. His influence is felt by everyone in town, from the youngest children, who know him for his youth programs, up to the elderly people, who know him for his never-failing helpfulness at all times.

THE END

# ON THE LEVEL *by C.H. MOORE*



JUDGE FAY ASKED HELEN BLACK IF SHE WANTED TO PRESS THE CHARGE OF EMBEZZLEMENT AGAINST TONY LANE, WHO ROBBED HER OF HER LIFE'S SAVINGS! "NO," YOUR HONOR, SHE REPLIED. "TONY AND I FOUND THAT WE'RE IN LOVE, AND WE ARE GOING TO GET MARRIED." THE JUDGE GAVE LANE A SUSPENDED SENTENCE THEN MARRIED THE COUPLE!



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I'LL BET I CAN GUESS WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND, CLARK! THOSE KIDS OF YOURS NEED CLOTHES AGAIN!

AGAIN? GEORGE, I'VE NEVER KNOWN KIDS AS HARD ON CLOTHES AS MINE! THEY ALWAYS NEED SOMETHING!



I KNOW! I RAISED TWO, BUT YOU HAVE SEVEN, CLARK- SOMETIMES I WONDER HOW YOU MANAGE ON A POLICE-MAN'S SALARY!

OH, IT'S NOT BAD, REALLY- THEY'RE WONDERFUL KIDS- WORTH ANY SACRIFICE WE MAKE- HEY, GEORGE, LOOK AT THAT FELLOW COMING OUT OF THE ALLEY!

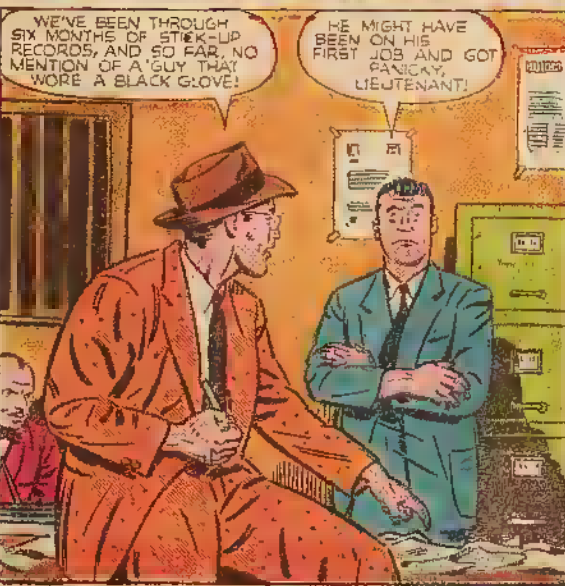
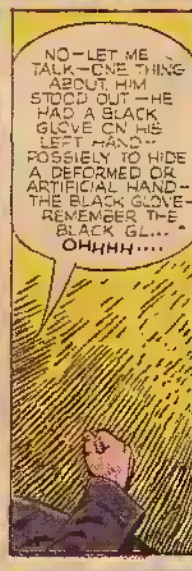
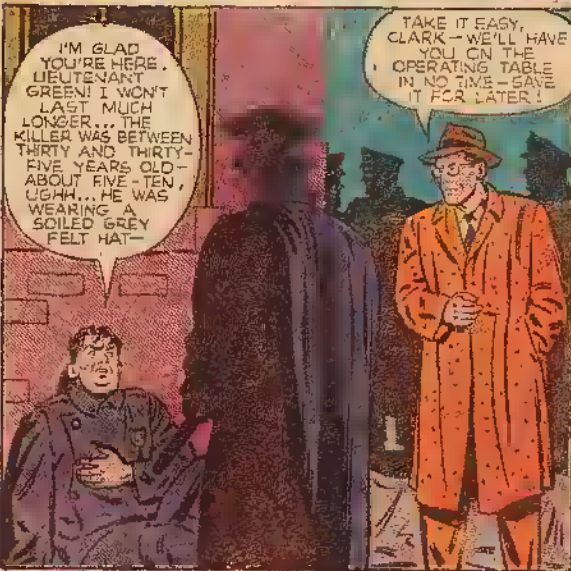
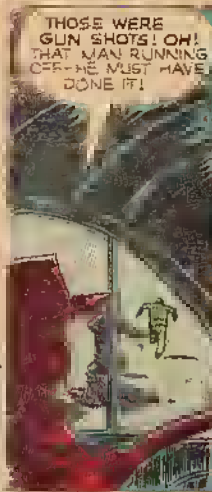


HEY, THERE, MISTER! LET'S HAVE A WORD WITH YOU!

WATCH IT, I THINK HE'S REACHING!

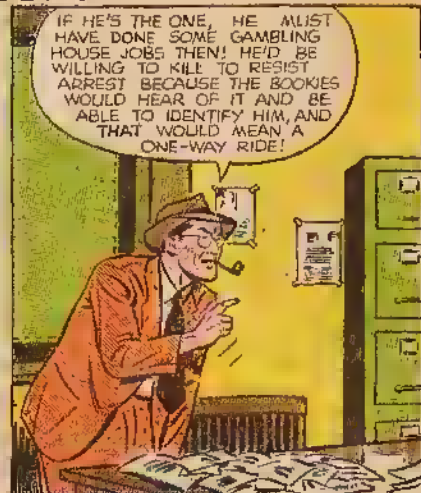


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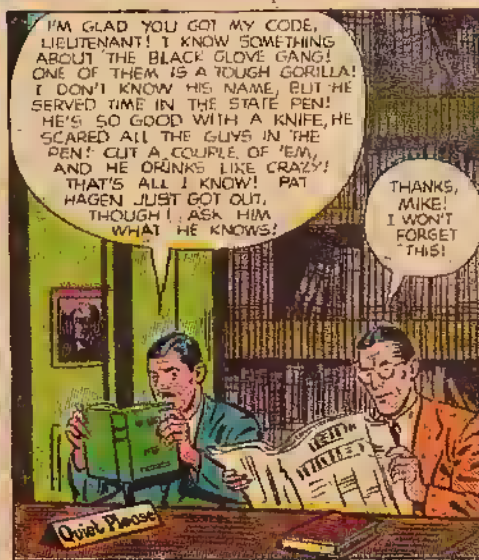
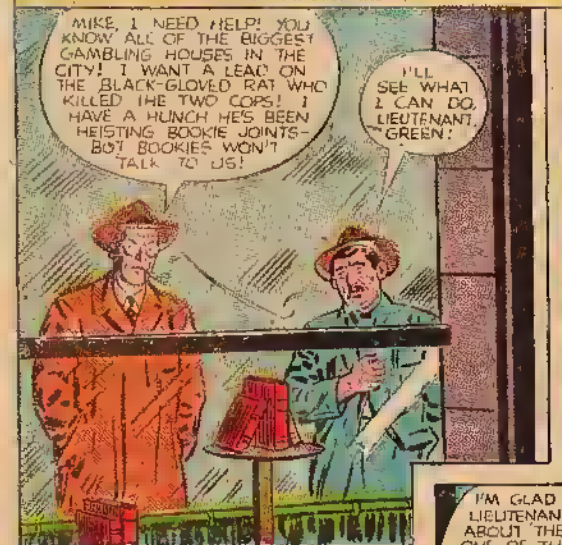




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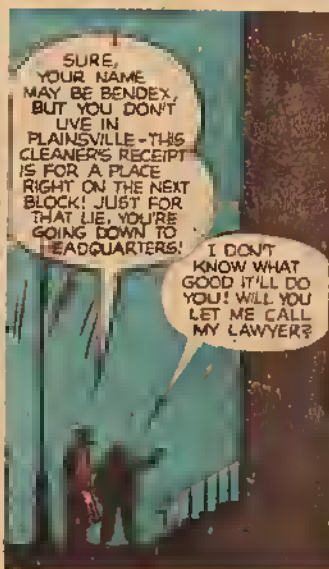
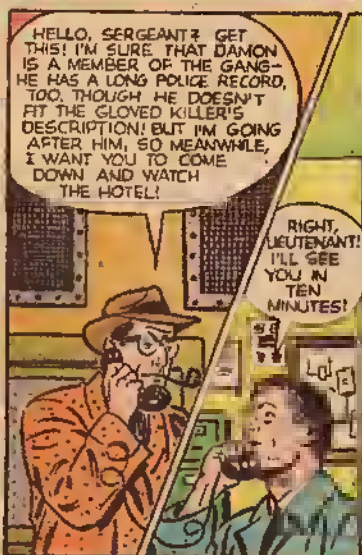
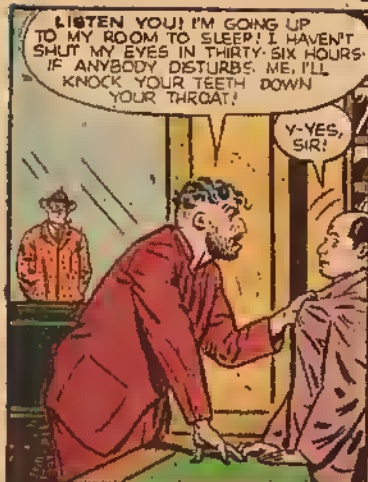


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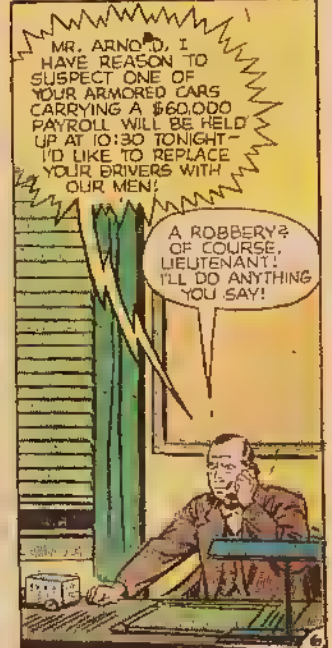
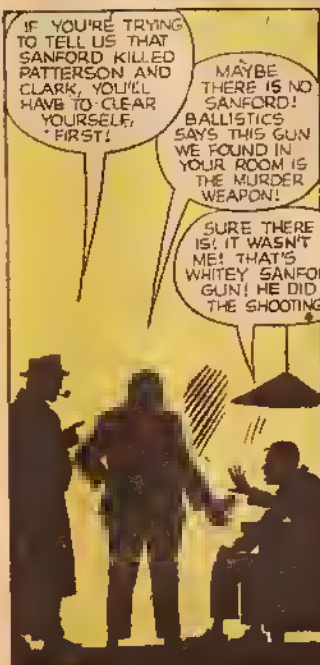
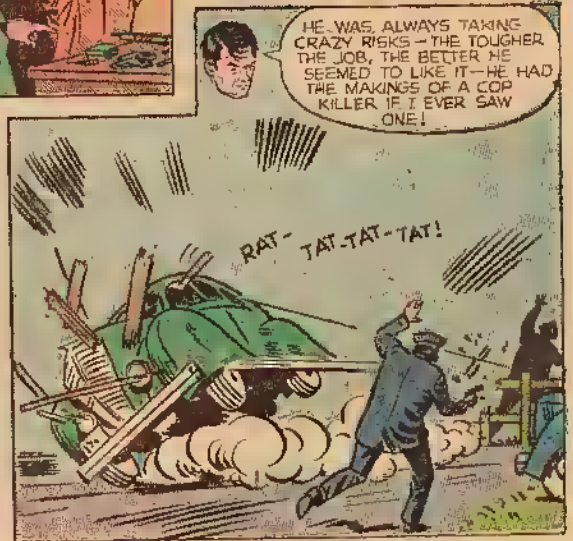
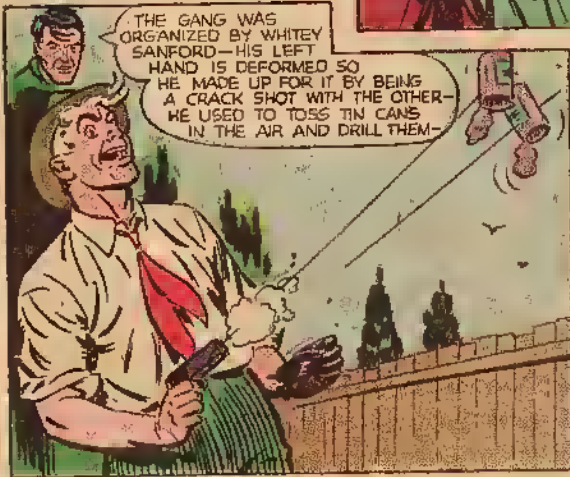
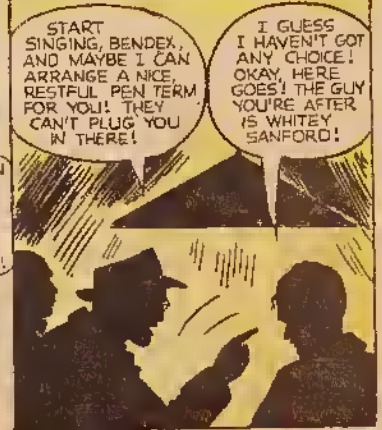
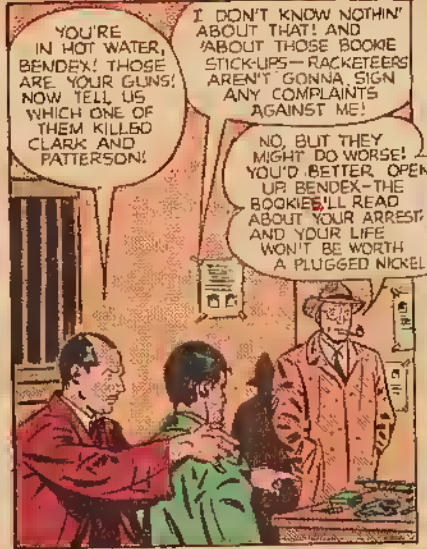
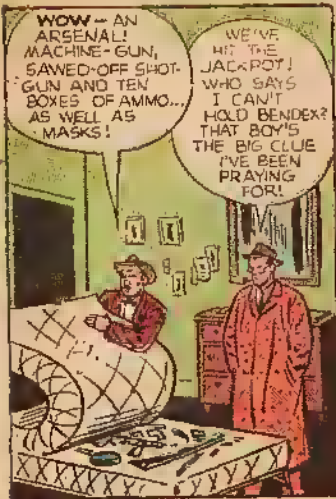


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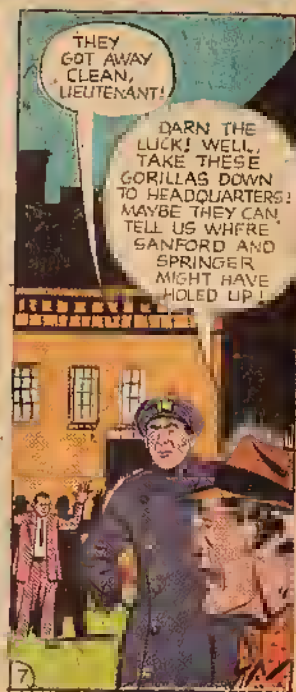
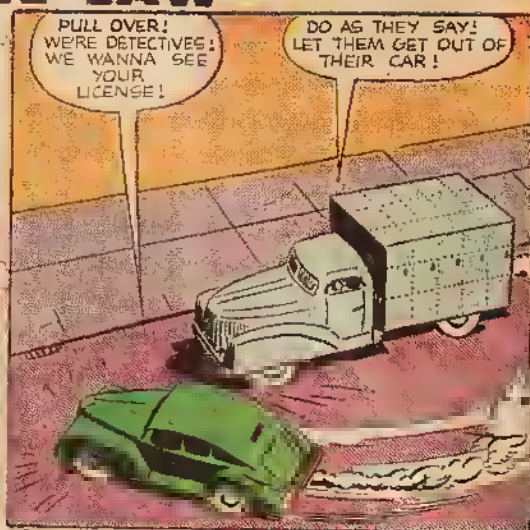


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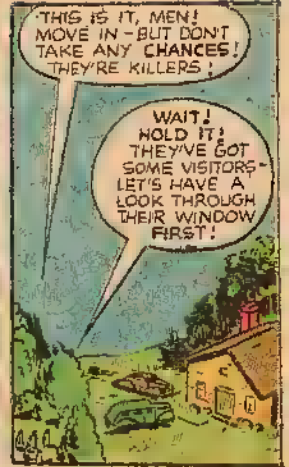
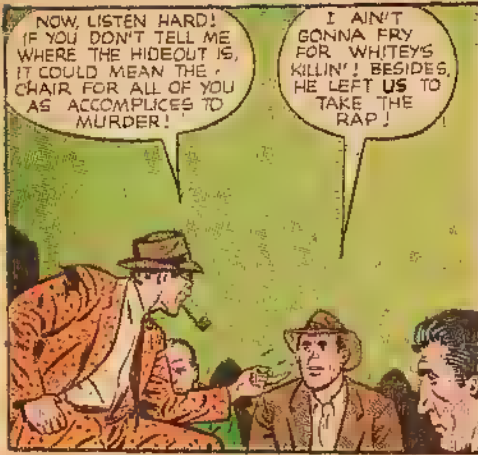


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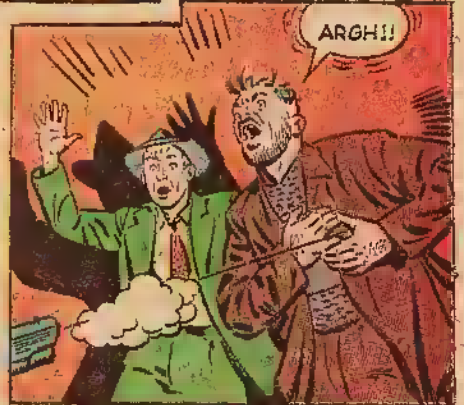
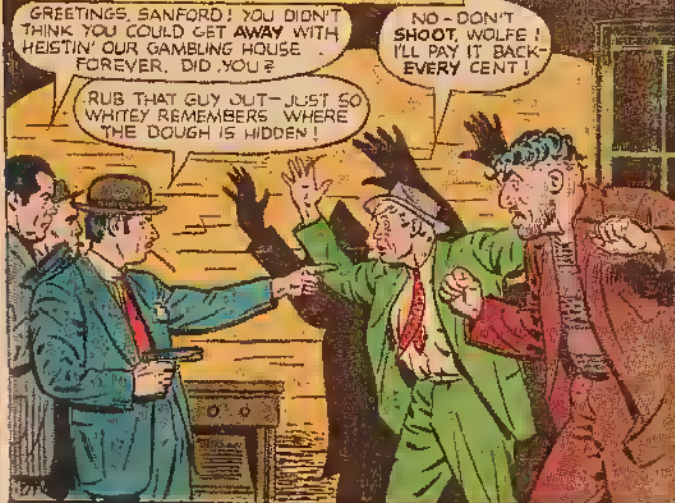




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BEFORE THE POLICE COULD REACH THE CABIN. THIS SCENE WAS BEING ENACTED!





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# BLACKHEADS "PET HATE"

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"Nobody's dreamboat!" "Npbody's date bait!" And that's not all that's said of those who are careless about blackheads. But blackheads ARE ugly! Blackheads ARE grimy! And they DON'T look good in close-ups!

So can you blame the fellow who says, "Sure, I meet lots of girls who look cute at first glance. But if, on that second glance, I see ugly blackheads, it's good night!"

Or can you blame the girl who confesses, "I hate to go out with a fellow who has blackheads. If he's careless about that you're sure he'll embarrass you in other ways, too!"

But you—**are YOUR ears burning?** Well, you've company and, sad to say, good company. There are lots of other wise attractive fellows and girls who could date anyone they like if they'd only realize how offensive blackheads are... and how easily and quickly they could get rid of them... if they *would* tell!

## "He-Man" Often Guilty of Blackhead Crime

Take your "he-man"... super at track, games, sports of all kinds... who thinks that after just a shower he's ready to go anywhere! And won't the girls all admire his muscles!

Sure they would! But not many dance floors are set up for hurdle races! You can't show off your snappy left hook when oily cokes are in the ring. The "he-man" who's also clean-cut, will get the breaks wherever he is.

## Even Cute Girls Become Careless

Easy, too easy, for a girl to think that if she has the latest in clothes and hair-do she needn't bother about blackheads. A little more make-up, she guesses, will take care of that. **BUT MAKE-UP WON'T HIDE BLACKHEADS!** Not unless it's plaster of paris, maybe! And even good make-up "slips" at a dance! So don't take chances, cute though you may be!

### TAKE THESE TIPS TO BANISH BLACKHEADS

Keep skin clean by washing morning and night with warm, almost hot, water. Use good soap and plenty of it. And finish with cool water.

Extract every blackhead as soon as you see it—with a **SAFE** extractor. Don't use finger nails. Don't squeeze. That may mean infection, injured tissues, a marred skin.

*Just be clean! Be quick! And be safe! That's easy! And that's ALL!*

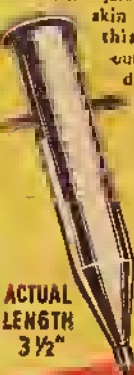


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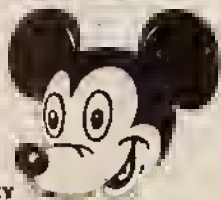
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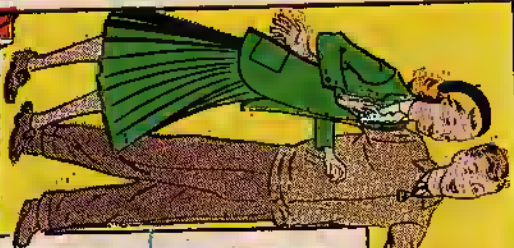
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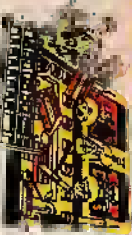
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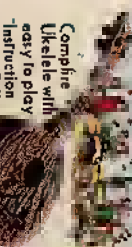
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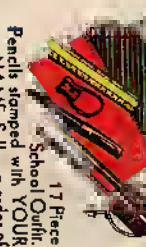
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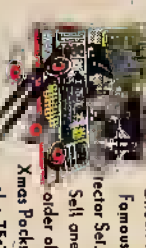
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